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Abducted diplomat

Jordan warns Lebanon

AMMAN, Feb. 9 (AP) — Jordan's Prime Minister Mudar Badran threatened Monday to seek the withdrawal of all foreign embassies from Lebanon if the abducted Jordanian charge d'affaires was not released safely in Beirut. His threat, made in a statement before Jordan's Consultative Assembly, sharpened the tension between Jordan and Syria over Muhaissen's abduction from his Beirut apartment Friday.

Badran reiterated Jordan's charge that Syria was behind the abduction, despite repeated disclaimers by the Syrian Government and pro-Syrian guerrilla groups in Lebanon. "Unless Muhaissen returns, we have the right to discuss with all those concerned about the security of embassies in Beirut, ways of collective cooperation to protect the lives of Arab and foreign diplomats from Syrian excesses," Badran said.

Syria has the main law-enforcing power in Lebanon — a 22,000-man force policing the 14-year-old armistice between the Lebanon's leftist Christian forces and an alliance of right Muslims and Palestinian guerrillas.

Shortly after Badran's statement was broadcast by Amman Radio, the Jordanian foreign Ministry sent a note to the Arab League, urging Pan-Arab action to "put an end to such criminal acts as the treacherous armed assault against Muhaissen's house." The note urged all League member-states

to undertake speedy contacts with the Syrian and Lebanese Governments to ensure the speediest possible release of the kidnapped diplomat.

Jordan earlier barred entry of Syrian nationals without visas, according to an official statement in Amman.

A senior official in Amman said: "negotiations with terrorists were out of the question. The right-wing Falangist Party Radio has reported receiving telephone calls from a man claiming to be a member of a pro-Syrian guerrilla group, in which he set out conditions for the diplomat's release."

The conditions were the surrender of two Syrian Air Force pilots who had defected to Jordan last year and five more whom the caller said were in Iraq, the end of ties between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), and negotiations with the kidnapers through South Yemeni diplomats in Beirut.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Prime minister Shafiq al-Wazzan said that investigations into the kidnapping of the diplomat had drawn a blank. He was speaking a few hours before a reported deadline for killing Muhaissen was due to expire at 1500 GMT. But the Prime Minister echoed the widespread scepticism about the death threat, reported by a right-wing Lebanese radio station, when he referred to "conflicting reports that cannot be relied upon."



BACK HOME: Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter returned to Georgia following a 11-day vacation trip to the Virgin Islands.

Carter braves Reagan over hostage issue

ATLANTA, Georgia, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter Monday challenged President Ronald Reagan's assertion that the American hostages affair had been misbanded.

Returning here from a 12-day holiday in the Virgin Islands, Carter said the hostages had returned home safe and sound and America's honor had been safeguarded. In a recent statement President Reagan maintained that the hostages affair had been badly handled from the beginning.

Calls for end to Gulf war

India urges nonaligned unity

NEW DELHI, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — The four-day conference of nonaligned foreign ministers opened Monday with an expected appeal for unity by Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and a surprisingly strong plea for an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

"In the name of peace and the future of mankind, we plead with the combatants and those waiting in the wings to call their young men back to their homes," Mrs. Gandhi told the foreign ministers of nonaligned countries and their delegations at the inaugural session.

Mrs. Gandhi, who arrived and departed to rousing applause, said that the Middle East conflict "between two of our own brothers" — both Iran and Iraq are members of the nonaligned forum — had "given encouragement to forces which are against our movement." "Let us hope that big powers will be not tempted to take advantage to encourage local disputes into wider conflicts," she declared.

The Indian leader did not refer to the United States by name in her address when she spoke of military "presences" in the Indian Ocean region. There is a U.S. naval facility on the Indian Ocean Island of Diego Garcia. "From this conference we shall issue a call to the big powers to de-escalate belligerent rhetoric, to reduce presences in the Indian Ocean and in various parts of Asia and Africa and resume the earnest search for understanding and peace," she said.

In a brief review of the international situation, she also spoke of "disquiet in Europe, gathering danger in Asia and more — She hit out at the developed countries for using the weapon of protectionism against border nations.

"Nonaligned countries are being asked to stand up and be counted for or against one side or the other," she said. "They are backed by economic threats and blandishments on one hand and military might and bases on the other."

Following the open address by Foreign Minister Peoli Malmierca of Isodoro of Cuba, current chairman of the nonaligned movement, and Mrs. Gandhi's inaugural speech, the delegates elected by consent Indian External Affairs Minister V.N. Rao as conference chairman.

Mrs. Gandhi also referred to the crisis in Afghanistan, saying: "We are all deeply distressed at events in Afghanistan." During her speech, she did not refer to the Soviet Union, with which her country has developed close relations. The Soviet Union has an estimated 85,000 troops in Afghanistan, and a large naval fleet in the Indian Ocean.

Meanwhile, an estimated 3000 Afghans demonstrated peacefully about a block and a half from the conference Venue. They carried banners, shouted slogans such as "Allah Akbar (God is Great)" and "Death to (Afghan President Babrak) Karmal," but did not attempt to break through a police cordon manned by an equally large posse police.

The draft declaration prepared by India for consideration by the conference said: "The foreign ministers reaffirmed that the quintessence of the policy of non-alignment involved struggle against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, apartheid, racism, including Zionism, and all forms of foreign aggression, occupation, domination, interference or hegemony as well as against great power and bloc politics."

The ministers once again reaffirmed the need for strict adherence to the principles of non-intervention and non-interference in the internal and external affairs of states. The violation of this principle was totally unacceptable and unjustifiable under any circumstances.

Media of all categories in advanced industrial countries tend to interpret events in and disseminate information on developing and nonaligned countries in a biased and at times prejudiced manner within the framework of their own predilections and interests. Misinformation generated by biased media has affected the stability and development of developing countries in many respects.

The ministers observed that they were meeting at a period of critical moment in world history. "The international situation has sharply deteriorated to a dangerous level, to the extent where there is growing scepticism over the capacity of the international community to contain the danger to the very survival of humanity."

There has been increasing recourse to the use, or threat of use, of force, military intervention and interference, in violation of the most elementary norms of international behaviour. Conflicts between non-aligned states them-



MEETING: Foreign Minister Nguyen Co. Thach of Vietnam talks to Indian External Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao in New Delhi Sunday. Thach attacked Singapore and Malaysia for trying to raise the Cambodian issue at the Nonaligned Foreign Ministers' Conference, opened Monday.

selves, besides causing enormous sufferings to the peoples of the countries concerned, jeopardized the unity of the movement and provided pretexts for the intervention of outside powers.

The ministers expressed their belief that the most effective way to eliminate the threat of a nuclear war, pending the achievement of nuclear disarmament, was to prohibit the use, or threat of use, of nuclear weapons.

Even the limited agreement on strategic arms control between the two most heavily-armed nuclear weapon states remained unratified, while the desire to negotiate "from positions of strength" became an increasing obsession.

The Indian Ocean zone of peace concept was contained in the 1971 United Nations declaration, was being systematically nullified by this escalation of great power military preparations, such as the expansion of the Diego Garcia base and the search for new base facilities.

The ministers called for the urgent implementation of the right to self-determination and independence of the people of Namibia. The ministers condemned the apartheid regime of Pretoria for the brutal repression of the struggling people of South Africa and deplored the action of certain states which encouraged Pretoria to persist in its intransigent and arrogant defiance of world opinion.

The ministers condemned the continuing and stubborn refusal of Israel to comply with the repeated resolutions of the United Nations. They deplored their own actions which constituted a flagrant violation of the rights of Arab peoples and of the Palestinian people, and which had been negotiated without the full and equal participation of the PLO, were bound to fail.

The ministers noted with grave concern the situation in Southwest Asia. They expressed their full support for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-aligned status of Afghanistan and urged the parties concerned to work toward a settlement which would ensure that the Afghan people determine their own destiny, free from any outside interference.

Reviewing the situation in Southeast Asia, the ministers expressed grave concern over the continuing conflicts and tensions in the region and the fact that these were being exaggerated by outside powers.

The ministers expressed deep regret over the continuing conflict between Iran and Iraq. This unfortunate development has had grave consequences not only for the peoples of the two countries, but also for the movement as a whole.

The ministers denounced outside pressures exerted against the consolidation of the revolutions in Nicaragua and Grenada, plans for intervention and interference in the internal affairs of El Salvador and supported the just demands of the Cuban people for the lifting of the blockade against Cuba and the return of Guantanamo to Cuban sovereignty.

Earlier, Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Mas'oud, state minister and cabinet member, arrived here Sunday evening at the head of the Saudi Arabia delegation to the conference. He was met at the airport by S.D. Singh, the Indian minister of science, and other senior officials. The minister said that the Kingdom will work for the implementation of resolutions adopted in Mecca and Taif last month by the Third Islamic Summit, especially those which dealt with the Palestinian cause and called for more backing to the Palestinian people to help them recover their land and set up their own independent and sovereign state on their soil. Saudi Arabia will also endeavor at the conference to call for a Soviet pull out from Afghanistan and for giving the Afghan people the freedom to choose their own government.

Hitch halts departure of journalist

TEHRAN, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — An American freelance journalist Cynthia Dwyer was released Monday but prevented from leaving a scheduled flight from Tehran airport due to a last-minute bureaucratic hitch, Swiss ambassador Erik Lang said. He hoped she could be flown out of Iran within 24 hours and that meanwhile she was being held in a secret location. The U.S. State Department so made a similar announcement in Washington.

Earlier, airport sources had said Mrs. Dwyer left aboard an Iran Air flight to London via Vienna and Frankfurt.

The 49-year-old mother of three was sentenced to nine months in prison, backdated to the day of her arrest May 5 last year. The sentence was passed by a revolutionary tribunal which found her guilty of espionage and acts against the interests of Iran.

Mrs. Dwyer was taken from Tehran's Evin prison to the airport in a black limousine with windows blacked out. Reporters were barred from approaching the side door through which she entered the terminal building.

A Swiss embassy diplomat Flavio Meroni said later that problems over "identity documents" had prevented Mrs. Dwyer from leaving Tehran. Airport officials refused to let her board the aircraft. Meroni said that he was to seek an explanation from Iranian foreign ministry officials later in the day.

In the meantime, the hand baggage of the 22 American hostages which should normally have been put aboard the Algerian plane that took them to freedom Jan. 20 was delivered to the Swiss embassy here Monday by Iranian authorities. An official at the Swiss embassy told AFP the baggage would be shipped due to the hostages as soon as an inventory had been taken.

Informed sources said four British citizens detained in Iran since last August will probably be freed and deported later this week, he sources said the release, following protected negotiations by the Swedish embassy's British interests section, seemed likely to coincide with the second anniversary of the Iranian revolution Wednesday.



VICTORY SIGN: The Dwyer family (left to right) Susanne, Dr. John, Dan, Ben and family dog show signs of victory in Amherst, New York, after hearing from State Department officials that freelance writer Cynthia Dwyer will be released from Iran after 281 days in custody.

At Piraeus soccer match 19 stamped to death

ATHENS, Feb. 9 (R) — Nineteen persons were killed and more than 40 injured, many of them critically, in a stampede after a soccer match in a Piraeus stadium Sunday, Minister of Social Services Spyridon Domiades said.

The stampede occurred as some 2,500 fans of home team Olympiakos rushed to leave the stadium to celebrate their team's victory over Aek of Athens.

Police said all the fans headed for a small exit gate. The gate was closed and the fans massed in front of it. When the door was opened suddenly the fans surged forward and under the pressure some fans fell down and hundreds of others stamped on them.

The entire police force of Piraeus, Greece's principal port situated on the outskirts of Athens, rushed to the scene to help in the rescue operations. Hundreds of relatives had gathered outside the hospitals Sunday night and many attempted to force their way into the wards to find out whether their relatives were among the dead or injured.

Greek Prime Minister George Rallis, who visited a hospital, described the incident as the worst tragedy in Greek sports. Greek President Constantine Karamanlis and opposition leader Andreas Papandreou expressed their sympathy to the families of the dead.



SNOW HORSE-RACING: Horses race on snow at St. Moritz Lake (right) and at left the race shown against a background of the Swiss village skijoring (2,400 meters). Michael Rhys-Jenkins from Salisbury (left-foreground) captures horses in action in a painting.

About rush housing move

Farsi reassures Sabeel residents

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi told the inhabitants of Sabeel Street here that they would be given flats in the rush housing program on a hire-purchase basis.

At a public meeting with the people Sunday, Farsi said the SR2,000 monthly rent people will be paying will go towards the SR1 billion cost of construction paid by the government for each flat. In 25 years' time the flats will be completely owned by the occupants. Farsi said the Sabeel street families were selected on the advice of Crown Prince Fahd who had read a detailed report of the conditions of the various localities in the city. He decided the Sabeel families deserved to be accommodated in the project.

The housing scheme was built by the government during a period of serious shortage which has considerably eased since the building boom. The Real Estate Development Fund helped to provide hundreds of thousands of houses in the Kingdom during the last six years. Similar projects were built in Riyadh and Dammam.

Each flat, Farsi said, contained three bedrooms, a living room, a large sitting room, dining room, three bathrooms, kitchen and more than one balcony. The buildings will be maintained and cleaned by the municipality, which will reserve some of the income from rents for this purpose. But cleaning up the



Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi flats will be left to the tenant-owners, he said. Since the entire Sabeel locality will be demolished for town planning purposes, owners of land and houses affected will be compensated at current rates of real estate property, in advance of demolition and eviction. But some of the money due to them will be reserved by the municipality towards the cost of the flats and will be credited to their

accounts. This was Farsi's second face-to-face meeting with the people of Sabeel to answer their questions and allay their fears about moving out of the area into the first experiment in high rise community accommodation in the city. He said there will be a special police squad to ensure security and peace, a mosque, playgrounds, health clinic and nearby schools.

In another development, Mayor Farsi said that at present Jeddah has a population of about 1,308,000 and close to 540,000 motor vehicles. He added that built-up areas of Jeddah are estimated at 200 million square meters while the Corniche upon completion will be 58 kms long and will cost around SR150 million.

In an interview with the Mecca-based *Al-Nadwa*, the mayor said all the flyovers on Medina road to the new Jeddah international airport have been completed except for near the airport itself, which is under construction.

The mayor said the desert park being built at Kilo 12, Mecca Road will be around four to five million square meters adjacent to the Jeddah-Mecca autostrade. Concerning the cleaning of Jeddah's streets, Mayor Farsi pointed out that bids have been invited for cleaning of city for May, 1981.



Prince Salman

Riyadh developers approve new project

RIYADH, Feb. 9 (SPA) — The Higher Executive Committee for a project to develop Qasr Al Hokm area here approved a detailed executive program for the first phase of the project Sunday evening. The committee was meeting under Riyadh Governor Prince Salman. It also adopted next year's budget for the project along with the architectural designs for the area.

Mecca official to open legal parley

MECCA, Feb. 9 (SPA) — Deputy Mecca Governor Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen will open the fourth session meetings of the Islamic Jurisprudence Academy here Wednesday.

High on the agenda will be the unification of the Islamic calendar, unifying dates of feasts and timings of prayers; the issue of misleading books about Islam; the legality of tests tube babies in accordance with the Islamic Sharia; and the issue of Muslims acquiring citizenship in non-Islamic countries. The session will be held at the Muslim

World League headquarters.

In another development, the World Supreme Council of Mosques proceeded in its meetings Sunday at the MWL headquarters here. The council considered sanctions against certain companies which use pages of the holy Quran to pack commodities. It also discussed the editing of a proper and reliable interpretation of the holy Book to be translated to several languages for worldwide distribution. Renovation and maintenance of mosques in various countries also was debated.

A representative of Afghan Mujahideen (freedom-fighters) briefed the council on Soviet acts in his country including the burn-

ing of copies of Quran the destruction of mosques and the persecution of Muslims. He said that the Mujahideen will never abandon their Jihad (holy struggle) until the total liberation of their country from the Soviet invaders. He dwelt on the importance of Jihad everywhere on earth.

The world supreme council of mosques had endorsed, earlier in the day, the resolutions of the third Islamic Summit conference that wound-up in Taif last month, especially the resolution about the application of Islamic sanctions in Islamic countries. The council hailed Saudi Arabia for having hosted the summit and contributed to its success.

Chinese artist to show works

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 (CNA) — A famous Chinese artist, Gen. Yeh Tsui-pai, arrived here Saturday for a demonstration of the arts of Chinese painting in a China festival to be staged Feb. 17-26 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Riyadh.

The 72-year-old former general, who is well known as a celestial horse painter, also brought along some 100 pieces of his works to be exhibited as part of a comprehensive show of Chinese culture during the festival.

Yeh called on Chinese Ambassador Hsueh Yu-chi Sunday, and the ambassador expressed the belief that his visit will contribute to the strengthening of the cultural ties between the two countries.

Yeh started painting in 1943 while commanding a group of Chinese soldiers in a standstill with the Japanese invaders on the China mainland during World War II. He said he has chosen the horse as the sole

object of his painting because of the animal's good virtues as shown in serving human being, such as wisdom, benevolence, bravery, and faithfulness.

He stressed that his painting is no sketching but an expression of the beauty he sees in the horse together with a desire to preach the virtues of Chinese philosophy.

Yeh is one of the first modern Chinese artists to apply the splash-ink style to painting the horse, and since 1966, he has been to many countries in Asia and North America to display his works and propagate Chinese philosophy.

The China festival, jointly sponsored by the Chinese Embassy here and Intercontinental, is devoted to introducing various aspects of Chinese culture, especially Chinese art and cuisine.

IDB loan to Tunisia

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has signed a \$20 million agreement with a Tunisian company for the financing of foreign trade in that country, it was announced here Monday.

COMMENT

By Abdul Ghani Qisti
Al-Bilad

The conference of non-aligned nations is being held in New Delhi under difficult circumstances. While Muslims of Afghanistan face an armed invasion by the Soviet Union, Cambodia is suffering from the nightmare of Vietnamese occupation, and Korea still feels the pinch of partition.

The situation in Latin America is not encouraging either, as a result of peoples' struggle against colonialism and their demand for freedom and independence. In South Africa, the policy of racial discrimination is still in vogue, and what may be said about the Iraq-Iran conflict can also be applied to the Somali-Ethiopian struggle.

The participation of Saudi Arabia and other Islamic states in the New Delhi conference would provide a boost to Islamic issues, mainly Palestine and Jerusalem. It is clear that the Zionists will not stop violating the Geneva Charter and the United Nations principles so long as Israel plays havoc with the Arab inhabitants and perseveres in its repressive policies against them.

Moreover, the presence of Islamic states in the conference will be of immense significance. Since the situation in Afghanistan cannot see any stability with the presence of the Soviet army, the Islamic states would be called upon to give Afghanistan sufficient concern by condemning the Soviet invasion and calling for an immediate withdrawal by the Soviets from the Islamic country.

It would be in the interest of smaller and emerging nations to keep aloof from the big power struggle and to protect themselves from the superpower domination. Moreover, it would be in the larger interest of every nation to help consolidate the principles of peaceful co-existence and to establish their relations on the basis of justice and mutual respect.

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Public park readied

HAFL EL BATEN, Feb. 9 (SPA) — A public park on a 250,000 square meter area is under construction here, it was reported Sunday. The garden, at Al-Malek (King) street will be lighted and fenced. Meanwhile, King Khalid square here has been asphalted and lighted to be used on noteworthy occasions and public rallies. Decoration of the 20,000 sq. meter square has cost SR500,000.

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Costs SR600 million New Medina hospital opens

MEDINA, Feb. 9 (SPA) — A new SR600 million general hospital was opened here Sunday by Sheikh Saïd Al-Sulairi, deputy governor of Medina, in the presence of Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazairi. The hospital covers a 400,000 square meter area.

In a speech on the occasion, Dr. Jazairi said the hospital brings the number of hospitals here to 12. The total number of beds increased to 1,419 in comparison to 460 beds when there were only five hospitals in 1975. He promised that preventive and curative medical services in the city will improve constantly. He said that medical training for the city's hospital staff is to start soon.

The minister gave good news about the fight against malaria, cholera and other epidemic diseases. He said that the rate of malaria in Khairbar last year was 0.3 per cent. It dropped even further in Al-Ayys and Amlaj. Medina will be 100 per cent free of malaria shortly, he added.

Cholera, typhoid and other contagious diseases affecting the digestive system which prevailed in the area are now nonexistent, Dr. Jazairi said. Vaccination campaigns against polio and other diseases for children and grown-up persons is proceeding successfully, he added. There were only four infantile paralysis cases last year against an average of 39 annually until 1975. No cases of encephalitis were reported last year, whereas there were as much as 50 in 1975, the minister said.

The number of dispensaries and health centers in Medina increased from 50 in 1975 run by 123 doctors and 501 nurses to 94 at present with 474 doctors and 1,306 nurses and technicians.

Meanwhile, the number of hospital beds in

the Eastern Province reached 1,327 in hospitals. The hospitals are located in Yamam, Qatif, Hofuf and Al-Khobar, according to the Eastern Province Health Director General.

Dr. Saïfuldin Hussain said Monday there also are more than 76 clinics and health centers in the region. The dispensaries are situated in villages and town of Hassa, Dammam, Al-Khobar, Safwa and Jubail. The health director general added that there are 1 quarantine in various entrances in the Eastern Province, including airports, and seaports.

Aluminum smelter agreement signed

MANAMA, Feb. 9 (SPA) — The Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Gha Alghosabi arrived here Monday to sign an agreement to set up a company for aluminum smelting. The agreement is result of a joint venture between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Kuwait which followed the cancellation of the Kingdom's own aluminum smelting plan in the Eastern Region in favor of further developing the Bahrain industry and to avoid duplication of industrial enterprises in the region.

Dr. Alghosabi who was received here by his counterpart Yusuf Sbitawi, minister of development and industry, said that the project was an important step in industrial cooperation on a Gulf level. He was delighted, he said, by the marked progress made so far in light of the resolution passed by the foreign ministers of the Gulf states in Riyadh recently, to set up an organization to streamline and increase inter-Gulf cooperation in a respects.

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Israel seizes land to boost settlement

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Israel has seized 600 hectares of land near Tulkarm in the West Bank for the development of a settlement, the Israeli radio had announced. According to the radio, 1,173 settlers will develop an industrial center on the site. The area seized is twice as large as had been envisaged earlier.

Tulkarm officials and representatives of the neighboring villages of Salfit and Brukhin went Sunday to the office of the military governor at Nablus to protest the requisitioning of

the land. Several members of the delegation said that they owned part of the land seized by Israel. Lawyer Felicia Lunder said that she would ask the Israeli supreme court to invalidate the government's decision, the radio reported.

With elections fast approaching, the Begin government is rushing with plans to build as many settlements as possible in occupied areas. The government had also offered land in Israel to contractors building such settlements as compensation.

\$25,000 m budget

Israel sets 30% for defense

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Israel will devote nearly 30 per cent of its \$25,000 million budget to defense. The budget adopted Sunday by the government, covers April 1981 to March, 1982.

The military chapter of the budget was increased beyond earlier estimates to include acquisition of new military equipment payable in dollars. To offset partly the extra expenses, the budget calls for cuts in domestic military expenses payable in shekels, the national currency. As a result, the armed forces will have to dismiss 5,000 employees

and professional soldiers with officer rank over the age of 40 and curtail military exercises.

In the non-military section of the budget, the government decided on an increase in prices for basic commodities. The government was also reported to be seeking parliamentary approval for total indexing of salaries to keep pace with the rate of inflation. The proposal was for an automatic increase in salaries by 5 per cent every month. Israel's present inflation rate is 135 per cent a year and is the highest in the world.

Computer-aided theft

Tax fraud hits \$1m in Israel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9 (AP) — Israeli tax auditors have stumbled onto what may be the most sophisticated fraud in the history of the state, a computer-aided theft of tax funds that could amount to \$1 million. Police said Sunday that several government clerks were in custody for investigation, but little official information was released.

News reports, however, outlined a massive fraud even by standards in Israel, where tax collection long has been a sore point. Authorities estimate that "black capital," or untaxed income, reaches huge proportions, and the under-the-table money in the economy is believed to contribute to Israel's world record inflation of 135 per cent in 1980.

Newspapers reported that tax officials making routine checks at the finance ministry last week discovered that huge tax refunds had been made to recently opened business firms. Checking more closely, they found that the ministry's computer was approving tax refunds to companies not even eligible for them.

Press reports said three government clerks

were held for questioning soon after outraged authorities computed that the refunds amounted to millions of Israeli shekels. The shekel currently is valued at eight to the dollar. Moshe Landau, head of the tax investigation team, told *The Jerusalem Post* newspaper: "The astonishing thing is that none of them is a real expert in computer science."

Press reports say the clerks programmed the computer with some 300 fictitious firms listed under their own names. They then tampered with the computer code and when the names of those firms came up, the computer automatically granted them tax refunds.

The clerks worked in the finance ministry's department of Value Added Tax (VAT), a 12 per cent levy on virtually all goods and services purchased in Israel. All companies both pay and receive VAT, and each year compute the balance themselves in order to apply for government refunds.

The department recently launched an intensive tax collection campaign that included surprise audits and called on businesses to keep more detailed books than ever.

Afghanistan executes 3 fighters

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — Radio Kabul announced the execution Sunday of three Afghan freedom fighters, whom they described as "American agents" and members of a Pakistan-based resistance group, the Hezb-i-Islam (Islamic Party).

The broadcast monitored here said the trio were done to death after sentencing by the special revolutionary court in Kabul. No details of their alleged crimes were given although they were called foreign agents and servants of "American imperialism."

The executions were believed to be the first reported by the state radio in more than six months. The three, Rahmat Ullah, Bahram Khandzadah and Atah Muhammad were declared "foreign agents and servants of American imperialism" by the court, which the broadcast said, has recently tried a number of captured "insurgents and counter revolutionary elements."

Radio Kabul said both long and short prison terms were given to convicted "troublemakers." Others, found to have been deceived by "imperialist agents," were set free or made to pay a small fine, it added.

Hezb-i-Islami, to which it said the three executed men belonged, is one of the best organized resistance groups operating in northwest Pakistan. A right wing, Muslim fundamentalist party, it has maintained close contacts with the Islamic revolutionary regime in Iran and has pointedly not appealed for Western support. Its leader, a former engineering student named Gul-buddin Hekmatyar, is one of the few resistance figures singled out for attack by the official Kabul media.

BRIEFS

MANAMA, (AFP) — Bahraini Economy Minister Ibrahim Abdul Karim left here Monday for an official visit to Australia lasting several days, officials said. He will meet Australian leaders to discuss ways to strengthen trade and economic relations before continuing to New Zealand for similar talks.

CAIRO, (AP) — A total of 1.25 million tourists visited Egypt in 1980 and spent the equivalent of \$700 million, an increase of 250,000 persons and \$250 million over the year before, minister of Tourism said here Sunday.

AMMAN, (AFP) — The Jordanian airline Alia will resume flights to Baghdad late Monday, a reliable source said here. Alia halted service to Iraq in September because of the Iranian-Iraqi war. It will be the first foreign airline to resume flights to Baghdad.

After Chad merger plan Qaddafi's moves worry Sadat

CAIRO, Feb. 9 (ONS) — Col. Muammar Qaddafi's scramble for influence in Africa is viewed with considerable alarm in Cairo where President Anwar Sadat is particularly concerned about the Libyan leader's potential to undermine stability in the area.

Sadat's concern, prompted by Qaddafi decision to merge Libya and Chad, is in part linked to the bitter personal animosity that has characterized his relations with the Libyan leader ever since their two countries failed to cement a projected union in 1976. The following year the Libyan and Egyptian armies fought a brief border war which Libya lost.

Qaddafi, in speeches both before and after the border war, castigated Sadat for betraying Nasser's ideals, which range from building socialism at home to promoting pan-Arab unity abroad and continuing an armed struggle against Israel until the creation of an independent Palestine.

Sadat, for his part, has dismissed Qaddafi as dangerous and unpredictable with delusions of grandeur that far outweigh noble

ideals. In addition to personal animosity, Egypt and Libya also have conflicting strategic interests. Cairo believes that Qaddafi backed by the Soviet Union, aims to create a Saharan or sub-Saharan confederation dominated by himself.

Additional examples of the Libyan leader's ambitions can be seen, say Egyptian officials, in his support for the Polisario guerrillas who seek an independent Western Sahara and last year's unsuccessful Libyan-backed coup attempt in Gambia.


To counter the Libyans' success in Chad, Sadat has in the first instance tried to rally African opinion against Qaddafi. Senegal, Cameroon and Nigeria have all expressed their displeasure at Libya's involvement in Chad. Sadat has also promised to send Egyptian troops to fight for Sudan, if the need should arise, and he has also promised more arms and ammunition for the forces of Hissene Habre, Chad's former defense minister now organizing an opposition force in neighboring Cameroon.

Western aid to Turkey irks Russia

MOSCOW, Feb. 9 (AFP) — The Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* Monday expressed uneasiness about the way in which the Turkish regime's domestic and foreign policies are developing. Moscow reacted cautiously when the military took power in Ankara, confining its comments to hoping that good-neighbor relations with Turkey would continue.

In its article, *Pravda* charged that increased Western aid to pull Turkey through a current economic crisis could be used as a pretext to influence Turkish foreign policy.

Pravda noted that North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) officials and Washington were seeking "to consolidate their military position" in Turkey. It cited Ankara's recent ratification of a U.S.-Turkish military accord that was signed in November.




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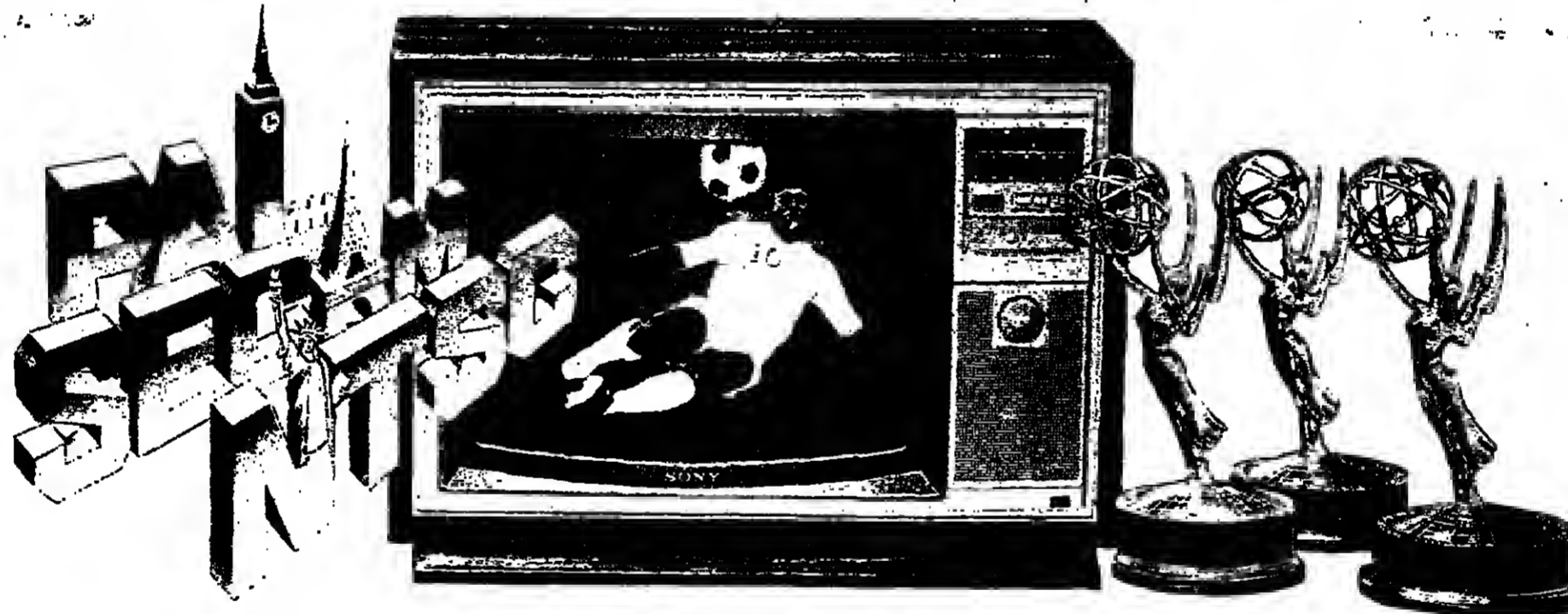
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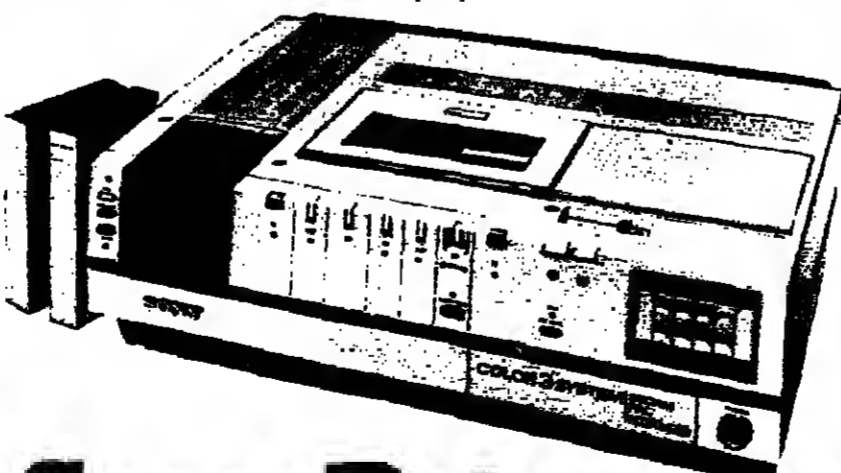
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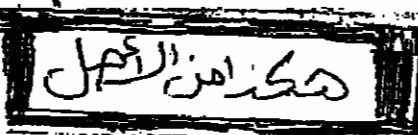


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U.S.-Soviet confrontation seen

Tough stance will backfire, ex-envoy says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — The danger of a confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union will be greater than it ever has been in the next few years, Texas Senator John Tower, chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee, said in an interview here.

"For the immediate future," the Senator said, "the Soviets don't want any direct confrontation with us. They are perfectly willing to let a handful of surrogates, such as Cuba, do that. That might not always be the case. The danger is that in the future it won't be."

The Republican Senator said that the

United States should undertake a major effort to bolster its defenses. He said that he had given President Ronald Reagan his "suggestions" for an increase in the military budget. "It's big," he said. "I expect a very substantial increase."

The budget for the current year, which was proposed by former President Jimmy Carter, is \$196,400 million, a peacetime record. The Texas Senator said that he did not favor resumption of strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) with the USSR at the present moment.

"The first thing the Reagan administration must do," he said, "is demonstrate our national will by going forward with and starting up new strategic programs to remedy our current deficiencies."

"Once that's done," he added, "we can go to the conference table and expect productive results." Senator Tower said that he favored construction of new aircraft carriers — the United States already has 13 — and sub-

marines. He agreed that carriers were expensive — more than \$2,000 million each — but said that they were a precision instrument of diplomacy.

"Military power is Russia's only trump card. But Moscow can use it to split our alliances and take it hot for us in the Third World where the stakes are getting very high," he said. Senator Tower said the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan proved that Moscow was prepared to use its military power offensively and directly.

"They now have a global blue-water navy, for instance, even though they don't have to protect critical sea lanes as we do. There can be only one explanation for this buildup — coercive, global ambitions," he said.

Meanwhile, Thomas Watson, former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, said Sunday the two superpowers were on "a collision course" unless they changed their policies. Given no change in the Soviet or the U.S. way, there is bound to be an explosion down the line somewhere, let us say within the next two or three decades," he said.

Watson, who stepped down after 14 months as ambassador when President Carter left office last month, said the Reagan administration's new tough approach to the Soviet Union could backfire. "The first thing we want is to get in a position where we try to bluff the Russians and they call our bluff," he said in a television interview.

Watson disagreed with President Reagan's opinion that the Kremlin leaders reserved for themselves the right "to commit any crime, to lie, to cheat" in their pursuit of world revolution. "I don't share that judgment... In many areas the Russians and our interests are parallel and I think it is possible to look with them, difficult, but possible," he said.

New Mexico project

Implanted pump regulates insulin flow in diabetic

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, Feb. 9 (AP) — Monte Patterson, a 41-year-old diabetic, has become the first person to receive a sophisticated, electronically controlled insulin pump that can respond to his instructions, say doctors at the University of New Mexico. The pump was implanted in the muscles of Patterson's abdomen Jan. 7, and once it is delivering insulin, will eliminate his need for daily injections while better regulating the insulin flow.

reservoir just as soon as it seems reasonable to do so.

The reservoir is located under the skin of Patterson's stomach and is connected to the pump by a short length of tubing, easily filled with a syringe. The reservoir can hold about a week's supply of insulin, but researchers believe reservoir holding a month's supply or more will be feasible.

The device, a joint effort of doctors at the University of New Mexico and engineers at Sandia National Laboratories, weighs about 11 ounces, including pump batteries, electronics and case. Eaton said the device offers health advantages over both insulin injections and external pumps now being used.

Though diabetics, who lack the ability to produce insulin on their own to control their blood sugar level, are able to stay alive by taking insulin either orally or by injection, long-term diabetics often develop debilitating physical problems.

Patterson, who has been a diabetic since the age of 5, has suffered neurological damage and severe eye hemorrhages that have significantly damaged his vision.

He is not the first person to receive an "artificial pancreas." But by boding a remote control device over his abdomen and pressing buttons, Patterson will be able to ask his device how fast it is pumping, how much insulin is being delivered and even how his batteries are. He will also be able to tell it how much insulin to give him.

A pump like Patterson's, implanted in a dog, has been functioning for two months, says Dr. Philip Eaton, the chief research physician on the project. "It's working like a charm," Eaton said. "We want to make very sure everything is just right for a while on Monte's pump. We'll be putting insulin in his

3 charged with ritual killing in Singapore

SINGAPORE, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Three persons were charged in court Monday with the murder of two children who police suspect were the victims of ritual sacrifice. In a drama-filled court session, one of the accused, Adrian Lim, 39, fell over the dock in the magistrate's court and had to be carried out of the court room unconscious.

But two women co-defendants, Tan Mui Choo, 26, and Hoe Kah Hong, 25, were expressionless as the charges were read out to them. As soon as the charges were read out, Adrian Lim complained to the magistrate that the police had taken away the pills given to him by the doctor at Changi prison hospital Sunday.

Peking's first reactor goes into full operation

PEKING, Feb. 9 (AFP) — China's first large high-flux test and research atomic reactor went into full operation Monday, New China News Agency reported. The agency said the reactor was situated in southwest China but gave no further details of its location.

Quoting an "official in charge" of the building of the reactor, the agency said: "China is now able to design, manufacture and build nuclear power stations independently."

The reactor is made up of over 50,000 components, all of them made in China, the agency said. It can be used for different purposes, ranging from "testing of the effects of neutrons on materials and engineering projects to production of radioactive isotopes," it said.

The reactor was built by the Southwest China Reactor Engineering Research and Designing Institute, the agency added.



DISARMAMENT TALKS: Former Swedish Premier Olof Palme (left) as chairman of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues addresses a press conference at Vienna Sunday after a two-day session of the commission ended. He is flanked by Howard Hiatt, Dean of Public Health of Harvard University, who reported to the session about medical effects a nuclear exchange might have.

To ward off major war

Palme urges arms talks

VIENNA, Feb. 9 (AP) — A disarmament commission headed by former Swedish premier Olof Palme has warned that a breakdown of American-Soviet arms talks could loose dangers "impossible to contain."

"If the arms race continues it will lead sooner or later to a new major war and very few of us will survive that major war," Palme said, Sunday. The independent commission on disarmament and security issues ended a two-day meeting in Vienna with a call for the Soviet Union and the United States to resume strategic arms limitation talk (SALT).

Palme said talks should resume even if the United States is unable to ratify the SALT II agreement signed in Vienna in 1979. "One has to save what can be saved," said Palme, warning in a news conference that nuclear

war "could lead to the extermination of mankind."

Howard H. Hiatt from the Harvard University told the commission in a closed session Sunday that no country's medical facilities could deal with the results of a nuclear attack. "The effects of nuclear war in medical terms," the American doctor said later, "are beyond anything ever witnessed, with no effective medical intervention possible."

The explosion of a single one-megaton nuclear bomb, he said, would produce thousands of burn patients whose survival would require 16 million units of plasma and blood. He said the plasma stockpile of the entire northeast United States amounted to 5,000 units and the blood usage for the entire United States in 1979 was 14 million units.

Basque workers protest

Ryan killing

BILBAO, Spain, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — Workers began a 24-hour general strike Monday in the provinces of Guipuzcoa and Biscaya to protest the murder Friday of Jose Maria Ryan, an engineer at the nuclear center of Lemonaiz, by Basque separatist ETA terrorists.

The strike was called by the principal parties and unions of the Basque region of northern Spain with the exception of the Herri Batasua coalition, which is close to ETA militants. Demonstrations are planned later here in Bilbao and at San Sebastian, as well as in the provinces of Alava and Navarra.

The College of Industrial Engineers of Biscaya issued an open letter to the ETA, "Assassins," it read, "the Basques do not agree with your daily acts of savagery."

On Sunday thousands of people drawn from almost every political faction filled the streets of Bilbao to pay homage to Ryan. Estimates of those present at the funeral for 39-year-old Ryan varied between 10,000 and 30,000, including the entire Basque autonomous government and leaders of nearly all Basque political parties and trade unions.

Ryan was shot through the neck by ETA guerrillas who had kidnapped him 10 days earlier.

S. Africa blacks call off school boycott in Cape

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 9 (R) — Black student leaders said Monday they had conditionally called off their school boycott in the Cape peninsula, the center of a 10-month protest against racial inequality in South Africa's education system. The boycott, which began in the Cape Town area last April, spread across the country with thousands of Indian, colored (mixed race) and black pupils refusing to attend classes.

Students in the rest of the country gradually returned to schools. Black pupils in the Cape peninsula maintained the protest, saying they would not go back until the authorities met their demands. However, a meeting of student leaders, parents and other organizations Sunday night decided that all pupils would resume classes Monday on condition that the government met the demands within one month.

Education authorities welcomed the move which should signal the end of the sometimes violent protest. Previously the authorities had insisted they could not act on the demands until the students went back to school.

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Army troops clash in Zimbabwe town

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SALISBURY, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — Calm returned Monday to Ntabazinduna township, in the southern city of Bulawayo, after a four-hour clash between national army troops and rival guerrilla forces. Police confirmed that fighting broke out Saturday between former guerrillas loyal to Prime Minister Robert Mugabe and the former forces of Joshua Nkomo, minister without portfolio and minority Patriotic Front (PF) leader.

One man was killed and several injured in the fighting, which was quelled late Sunday night by police and army units. The flare-up started in a bar at dusk Saturday and continued throughout Sunday, a police spokesman said. A passenger train was fired on and two women passengers wounded, he said. Several private cars passing through the area were reported to have been fired at but there were no casualties.

Roadblocks were set up on the main Bulawayo-Salisbury road to prevent further attacks on motorists. The checkpoints were removed late Sunday night. Senior army officers are investigating the cause of the clash.

The clash was the first reported incident of an armed clash within army ranks, although rival guerrillas not yet integrated into the new force have fought each other on several occasions since independence from Britain last April.

The worst battle was last November when 58 persons were killed and over 500 wounded in a clash between Mugabe's Zanla and Nkomo's Zipra forces in Bulawayo's Eastmubane township. At that time the battalion involved in Sunday's clashes was deployed around Eastmubane and its officers expressed relief that the battalion had not split along Zanla-Zipra lines.

3 shot dead in Kampala

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KAMPALA, Feb. 9 (R) — Three persons were shot dead and the house of an opposition leader was attacked here Sunday, increasing tension in the Ugandan capital. Servants at the house of Yoweri Museveni, leader of the small Uganda Patriotic Movement (UPM), told reporters Monday that gunmen fired at the house on the outskirts of Kampala for four hours with rifles and rocket-propelled grenades. Museveni and his family were not home at the time and the two servants present were not injured.

In the other incident, the two sons and a grandson of a retired judge were reported to have been lined up against a garage wall and shot by unidentified uniformed men in the suburb of Lunguja. Soldiers have been guarding vital installations and manning roadblocks around Kampala for the past four days with no official reason given for their presence.

Mitterrand begins tour of China, North Korea

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PEKING, Feb. 9 (AFP) — French Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterrand arrived here Monday at the beginning of a one-week visit to China and North Korea. Mitterrand, who is the Socialist Party candidate in this spring's French presidential elections, was met by Feng Xuan, vice director of the Chinese Communist Party's international relations department.

South Korea goes to poll Wednesday

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SEOUL, Feb. 9 (AP) — The cartoon in a Seoul newspaper was headlined "Party begins" and pictured a three-man band playing music that came out of fair elections. The line at the bottom said, "But being is believing." It could be interpreted as reflecting the degree of excitement and uncertainty about elections coming up this month.

Nationwide balloting will be held Wednesday for an electoral college that later will select president of South Korea. President Chun Doo-hwan is the candidate of the dominant Democratic Justice Party, and is expected to win. Three other parties have fielded presidential candidates, however, and since campaigning began much stress has been put on public calls for fair voting. Over the weekend, the secretaries general of six political parties held a meeting that was described as aimed at making the balloting "fair and clean."

Park Kyung-Suk, spokesman for the government party, said following the meeting: "Agreement was reached, based on the will of each political party, that it would realize an election without fail." Similar calls were voiced earlier by President Chun, Prime Minister Nam Duck-Woo and other government officials.

Authorities have announced the arrest of eight persons on charges of violations of the election law. Six were candidates of the Democratic Justice Party, one from the Democratic Korea Party and one independent. A number of other political workers were detained, investigated and reprimanded. Those arrested were accused of seeking to gain voter support by methods such as handing out money and entertaining at resorts or restaurants.

In accepting the nomination of the Democratic Justice Party, Chun said history shows that "politicians who pursue narrow interests dig their own graves." He urged a turning away from the political past and the start of a new political "consciousness and pattern."

Elections in Korea have had a checkered, sometimes stormy, history since the republic was founded in 1948. In what generally is described as the country's last free, direct, presidential election in 1971, the late President Park Chung-Hee narrowly defeated opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung.

After Park was assassinated in October, 1979, martial law was declared and political parties were dissolved when a new constitution was enacted last fall. Chun was named interim president in August by an electoral

college set up under the former constitution. Political parties were allowed to form late last year, but a government purge list still bar more than 500 former opposition and dissident activists from political life.

The present election law provides for close government control, and there has been no heated campaigning for seats in the presidential electoral college. Some posters have gone up supporting individual candidates, there have been some officially-sanctioned rallies and meetings, and each presidential contender is allowed three, 30-minute radio and television addresses.

Martial law was lifted Jan. 24, a step that Chun said earlier would be taken to provide a free atmosphere for the series of scheduled elections.

Wednesday's presidential electoral college voting will pick 5,278 deputies, who will name a president in their own voting Feb. 25.

The election of a new national assembly is expected to follow about one month later. When registration for the electoral college seats ended Jan. 29, a total of 9,479 candidates had been entered. Withdrawals later dropped the figure to 9,338.

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Behind murder attempt against Bernardette

(Barry White is an editorial writer for the Belfast Telegraph)

By Barry White

BELFAST — There is a sick story making the rounds in Belfast: "Did you hear about the three men arrested for trying to murder Bernardette? They've been charged with missing her." That "joke" is a measure of the blind hatred that Bernardette Devlin McAliskey inspires among any Protestants in northern Ireland. They blame her, with some reason for turning their cozy Protestant-dominated world upside down 12 years ago, and they have never forgiven her. She helped destroy their government, vilify their police force and spread "lies" — about Northern Ireland throughout the world.

Then, to cap it all, she had an illegitimate child, while still a Westminster member of parliament, and the man she eventually married was not the child's father. They were relieved when she retired from active politics six years ago, but her recent comeback as one of the leaders of the Ireland-wide movement in support of hunger strikers demanding politics status in Ulster's prisons has stirred the old fires of resentment.

Significantly, there were few expressions of sympathy from Protestant politicians or even churchmen after last month's assassination attempt against her, while the Roman Catholics Community was shocked and saddened. For them, she symbolized the frustration and anger that simmered among the have-nots in Northern Ireland. While still a second-year psychology student at university she had beaten the battle-hardened Protestant politicians at their own game, and gave the civil-rights movement a feminine impetus that helped it to achieve its goals. If she had failed to live up to her early promise — as her revolutionary Socialist politics began to join her Irish nationalism — Catholics could forgive her foolish ways. She was always one of the dispossessed like them, even when she was being lionized on world tours.

She is still a highly controversial figure, therefore, even though her influence has greatly waned since the early civil-rights days. Her fall was as meteoric as her rise: she was elected the youngest Westminster MP in 200 years at age 21 in 1969 and voted out at 26, as a result of her increasingly left-wing anticlerical views. She then dripped out of public view, marrying a non-political schoolteacher — who is now unemployed — and retreated to a remote cottage near the shores of Lough Neagh, the largest expanse of water in Ireland, to raise greybounds and two more children.

But her name still had charisma in Irish Republican politics. She helped found a revolutionary offshoot of the Marxist-inclined Official Sinn Fein organization, the Irish Republican Socialist Party. It is chiefly remembered for its military wing, the Irish National Liberation Army, killers of Airey Neave, the English shadow cabinet minister in 1979. Devlin always denied any knowledge of violent activities, but she had a part in settling a bloody feud with the Official IRA.

In 1979 she failed to win election to the European parliament, losing badly to her old civil-rights colleague John Hume. She used the election as a platform for the prisoners, demanding political status in Ulster jails, and a year later resigned from the Irish Republican Socialist Party to devote herself exclusively to this cause, which brought her closer than ever to the Provisional IRA. At the same time, she started work on a book intended to be an assessment of the 12 years of the Ulster troubles.

As the hunger strike, begun on Oct. 27, gained momentum, she returned to the public eye again, and it was this publicity — ending in apparent defeat for the hunger strikers before Christmas — that triggered the attempt on her life. She had boasted, in a rare interview, that she lived in "the safest part of County Tyrone," but a Protestant gang, with a history of similar attacks, bunted her down. Three men have been charged with her attempted murder, and enough has leaked out through police sources to link it with the highest paramilitary organization in Northern Ireland, the exclusively Protestant Ulster Defense Association.

The motive is simple: any effective representative of Irish republicanism is regarded as a threat to the union between Northern Ireland and Britain, and a danger to the Protestant two-thirds majority. The shooting has already led to the new call for a ban on the Ulster Defense Association, the only legal paramilitary force. But police argue that it is too big to suppress and can more easily be infiltrated if it is not forced underground. Either by luck or good judgment by the security forces, the three hit men who smashed their way into the McAliskey's single-story, tin-roofed house, were caught by soldiers before they even reached their getaway car, and their residences, in Protestant areas near Belfast, will provide police with valuable clues.

But there is understandable concern in the Catholic community that the attackers should have reached their victim, even in staunch Republican territory. Catholics are asking why, if the soldiers were close enough to hear the shots and intercept the attackers so quickly, they could not have prevented the raid. Was it a random patrol, as the army claimed, or an undercover squad keeping the house under surveillance? (L.A.)



The Third Islamic Summit (VII)

Organizational setup to be strengthened

(Editor's note: Following is the last of a seven-part series on the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Taif from Jan. 25 to 28).

By a Special Correspondent

JEDDAH —

Islamic leaders at the Third Summit, after having agreed on a series of resolutions in the political, economic and cultural fields, also made a review of the OIC General Secretariat, its specialized organs and general matters concerning the organizational setup of the secretariat. In doing so, there was a general realization that the activities of the Islamic Conference have increased of late demanding more functions from the secretary general and his staff. The OIC Secretariat's role would expand further due to the important decisions taken at the summit itself requiring more administrative work.

Participating delegations reportedly laid great stress on the need to strengthen the General Secretariat to meet the OIC's requirements. This would imply provision of financial means, a professionally qualified staff, and above all moral and material support from the member states to bring about speedy and effective implementation of the various decisions taken at the summit and by the annual conference of foreign ministers.

The relevant resolution on administrative and financial matters adopted by the summit calls for

provision of adequate finances to run the General Secretariat and its subsidiary organs. The General Secretariat has prepared a working paper in this connection which among other things proposed a revised formula of contributions by member states to the annual budget of the OIC. Another study presented pertained to revision of salary scales and gives suggestions to draw competent personnel to the staff of the secretariat. Because of the technical nature of these proposals, they have been referred to the Permanent Finance Committee of the OIC which after examination would put forth its recommendations to the next foreign ministers conference.

The summit discussed some amendments proposed in the OIC Charter. It agreed that the tenure of the secretary general should be for four years for one term only as against the previous practice of two years with possibility of re-election. It also decided to create a fourth post of assistant secretary general to deal exclusively with the Jerusalem and Palestine issues.

It was also decided that summit level conferences be held every three years. So far, the charter had not defined the time limit for convening heads of state level meetings but referred to periodic consultations at this level. Thus before the Mecca summit, only two other Islamic summits had been held, one in Rabat in 1969 which established the OIC and the other in Pakistan in 1974. The practice of conven-

ing summit conferences at fixed regular intervals would give greater opportunity to Islamic leaders to review the progress of their organization and take common approach and decisions on matters of mutual interest. The Kingdom of Morocco has offered to host the next Islamic summit. Till then, it has been proposed that the Bureau of the Third Summit should have periodic meetings to follow up the progress of implementation of the resolutions adopted at Mecca.

A trend emerging from the Third Summit is the growing involvement of member states to implement the decisions taken. Besides the ten-member committee set up to review the progress of the plan of action in the economic field, two other committees were also set up, one to supervise scientific and technical cooperation and the other to look into information and cultural affairs. This development should accelerate the process of cooperation and coordination in all fields of activity and would enable the OIC General Secretariat to function more efficiently as the main liaison for the wide ranging functions assigned to it.

The curtain has thus drawn on the largest Muslim gathering in history which was looked with aspiration and expectation by millions of people the world over. As is evident from this review, the public pronouncements of Muslim leaders, and the attention that the summit received globally, the conference was a resounding success. It was also a fitting tribute to the quiet and moderating diplomacy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia which contributed to the atmosphere of cordiality and fraternity prevailing at the summit and led to the adoption of all resolutions by consensus and unanimity.

The OIC has itself gained international recognition as a result of the Third Summit. While its growing importance has been evident in recent years, the Mecca summit would act as a great booster to the prestige and reputation of the OIC internationally.

The Muslim leaders at the summit have clearly demonstrated their political will as a united group. It is hoped that they would implement the resolutions adopted with the same fervor by mobilizing all available means and resources to usher in a better tomorrow not only for their own people but for the whole of humanity. This would be in line with the spirit of Islam and their biggest contribution to the commemoration of the 15th Century Hijra.

Letters to the editor

Sir,
 I would like to request the introduction of a daily program on the Saudi TV in Urdu/Hindi and directed to the hundreds and thousands who are here (as guests) for a period of time.

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Editor's note: That is not precisely the cause.



The cold war and its effect on the Third World. Al Medina

REAGAN AND LATIN AMERICA

Latin America has been, and will continue to be of crucial interest to the United States. Even before his inauguration, President Reagan gave expression to this as he met the Mexican president to discuss the two major issues involving the two countries: oil and the problem of the Mexican emigrants to the U.S.

Within Latin America as a whole, the Caribbean is considered especially vital. And this also found early expression as Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga became the first foreign leader to visit the new American president after his inauguration. The visit was a complete success as Seaga quickly secured economic and diplomatic backing from the new administration. Seaga had just defeated the leftist regime of Manley, and his first priority is to reverse the radical trends, both internal and external, of Cuba's friend and ally Manley.

It is clear now that the governments of Latin America are realizing that they are to deal with a U.S. administration which will have nothing of the vagueness of its predecessor as to priorities: Issues of human rights will be decisively downgraded in favor of those of firm support for America's allies. El Salvador and Nicaragua, in opposite ways, are feeling the results of the new tough line.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Monday mostly led with the non-aligned conference being held in New Delhi. *Al Bilad* led with a statement by the Saudi Arabian delegation leader, Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Masoud, in which he reiterated that the Kingdom's delegation would make concerted efforts in the conference to muster support for the resolutions adopted in the third Islamic summit conference held in Taif recently. *Al Yom* said in a lead story that important resolutions would be announced after the Gulf summit conference. *Al Medina* gave lead coverage to a statement by the Swedish minister of economy, in which he said there are great possibilities for the development of Saudi-Swedish relations.

Al Bilad frontpaged Senegalese President Abdo Diouf's warning that the African continent was faced with an explosive situation. He was reported as saying the problem of Chad is extremely dangerous and it is likely to engulf other states too. Newspapers gave front-page coverage to the support voiced by the World Supreme Council for Mosques for the resolutions of the Islamic summit conference.

In an editorial on the recently-held Islamic summit conference, *Al Bilad* said that continuous Islamic and international reactions to its resolutions confirm that the summit provided a base for a comprehensive Islamic move to confront the challenges. It was a matter of gratification that the sincerity of Muslim leaders as well as persistent efforts by the Saudi Arabian leadership have consolidated the position of Muslims, the paper said.

Discussing the outcome of the Gulf foreign ministers' conference in Riyadh, *Al Yom* observed that the historic declaration of the conference was not only an expression of a sense of common destiny and common objectives of the Gulf peoples, but it also is symbolic of the spirit of the Arab League charter which called for regional cooperation. The paper added that the establishment of a Permanent Council for Gulf Cooperations provides a clear indication that the states of the Gulf are determined to manage their own affairs without interference from any big or small power.

Al Riyadh dwelled on the New Delhi non-aligned conference, saying that the non-alignment movement had come into being with a view to keeping the non-aligned nations away from pacts and alliances between the strong and the weak. Such a stance had instilled hopes in the hearts of peoples of the Third World who had suffered long from political and economic colonialism. The paper referred to the Soviet Union's co-existence plan and its attempt to come close to the non-aligned nations as well as the East-West attempt to influence the movement with all their cold war weapons. This, the paper said, transformed the non-aligned movement into an arena for floating slogans and hot speeches. It urges the non-aligned nations to remain alert in order not to fall back upon any bloc but to rely on their own power.

Dealing with the same conference, *Al Medina* noted that Afghanistan would be the most promi-

nent issue before the New Delhi conference. It said that the conference would be called upon to isolate the aligned countries from the non-aligned bloc and to remain alert from the countries which try to link the movement to the Soviet grip.

On the other hand, *Al Jazirah* discussed the attitude of the new U.S. administration toward the Middle East issue, saying it would be premature to predict whether Reagan's administration would adopt European ideas on the solution to the Middle East crisis. It said the U.S. influence over the European ideas would show the significance of its role in dealing with the Middle East crisis from the angle of Arab-Israeli conflict and not from the angle of Palestinian rights. This has been the focal point in the U.S. policy ever since the Arab-Israeli conflict began after the creation of Israel.

Also dealing with the Middle East issue, *Okaz* observed that peace in the Middle East would have to be based on the Arab contentment, mainly the satisfaction of the Palestinian people being represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Referring to the New Delhi non-aligned conference, the paper said the conference would be called upon to show a pro-Arab stance, in order to be able to adopt the same line of approach as Europe has taken in full view of the Arab-Islamic position. Only this trend would be able to shift the international balance toward the Arab right and bring about peace and stability in the Middle East, said the paper.

Greek food—halfway between Italy and the Arab world

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — When Anni Hamwey first came to live in Jeddah 13 years ago the mysteries of the food souks were not as mysterious for her as they were for other newcomers. As the daughter of Greek parents, and brought up in Egypt, the herbs, spices, meats and other ingredients had a certain familiarity. As did the recipes.

"The cookery of Greece could probably be best explained by its geographical position. It is halfway between the food of Italy and that of the Middle East," said Mrs. Hamwey. "We have lots of pasta dishes, like the Italians, but our food also has lots in common with Turkish and Arabic cooking."

"Meat and rice are popular in Greek food as ingredients such as pine nuts, laurel, bayleaf, garlic and dill. So when we first came to the food already had a certain familiarity for me."

It would be no exaggeration to call Mrs. Hamwey a truly international cook. With Greek parents, Greek food was a natural. So was Egyptian food as that was where she spent her early years. But later in her childhood she moved to France and thus "la cuisine française" became "de rigueur". Finally, she married an American of Syrian background, moved to the United States, and added American dishes (with a Middle Eastern flavor) to her culinary repertoire.

"I love cooking and also being able to present dishes from a number of countries," said

Mrs. Hamwey. "but I never mix countries. If I'm cooking Arabic food, for example, I don't try to give it a French accent. And if it's French style, no borrowing from Greece."

Mrs. Hamwey has a rival in the kitchen — her husband Charles. "He is a very enthusiastic cook and very accomplished," she said. "He is one of those natural cooks who doesn't need to follow a recipe."

The kitchen of their Jeddah home is spacious, well-equipped and arranged in such a way as to maximize the efficiency of the cooking operation. For example, the large gas stove is placed in the center of the kitchen with generous bench space right beside it. A wide range of professional looking cooking utensils, such as a Chinese wok, giant slicing machine and modern blender, add to the air of gastronomic proficiency.

Mrs. Hamwey's feeling for the flavors of the Middle East was of great benefit to her when her family first moved to Jeddah because of the more limited supply of international foodstuffs available then. But now practically everything can be found in supermarkets. And if the exact ingredient isn't immediately available excellent substitutes usually are.

For one of her favorite Greek recipes Mrs. Hamwey has substituted the traditional salted cod for more readily available frozen fish fillets. Naturally fresh fish could be used too, and Mrs. Hamwey sometimes takes advantage of local varieties available at the fish souk. Her husband usually does the fish

souk shopping and popular choices include red snapper and shark meat (also delicious for shish kebab).

The fried cod (bakaliaros tighanitos) is best served with a delicious garlic sauce made easily in a blender, although the advice is "don't eat it if you are planning to go out to mix with other people!"

FRIED COD FISH (Bakaliaros Tighanitos):

Ingredients: 1 lb. cod; 1 cup thin batter; mazola oil; Batter: 1 cup flour; 1 tablespoon cornstarch; 1 egg; 1 teaspoon baking powder; water. Method: Cut fish into 3 to 4 inch pieces. Make a thin batter with flour, water, a little salt, baking powder and egg. Heat oil in frying pan until hot. Dip cod into batter and deep fry quickly until browned on all sides (about 3 to 4 minutes). Cook only 3 to 4 pieces at a time. Serve piping hot with garlic sauce and also beetroot garnished with parsley. Serves 4.

BLENDER GARLIC SAUCE (Scorothalia):

Ingredients: 1 medium size garlicbead (the whole garlic); 2 cups soft sandwich bread, crust removed; 1 cup olive oil; 1/3 cup red vinegar; salt to taste (mashed potato can be substituted for bread).

Soak bread in a little water until soft. Squeeze out the excess. Clean garlicbead and

cut into small pieces. Put all together in the blender with half of the oil and vinegar. Blend well. Add alternatively the rest of the oil and

vinegar until it is the right consistency and spice to taste. Pour into serving platter and garnish with parley and black olives around

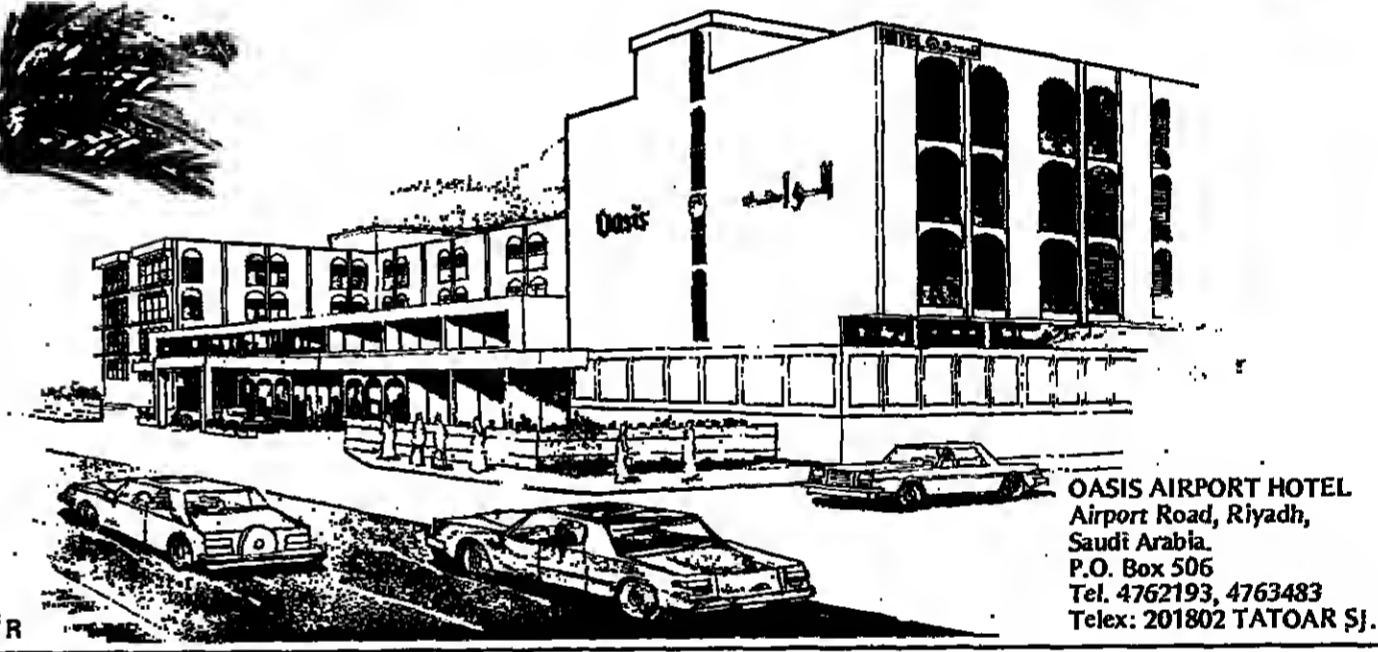
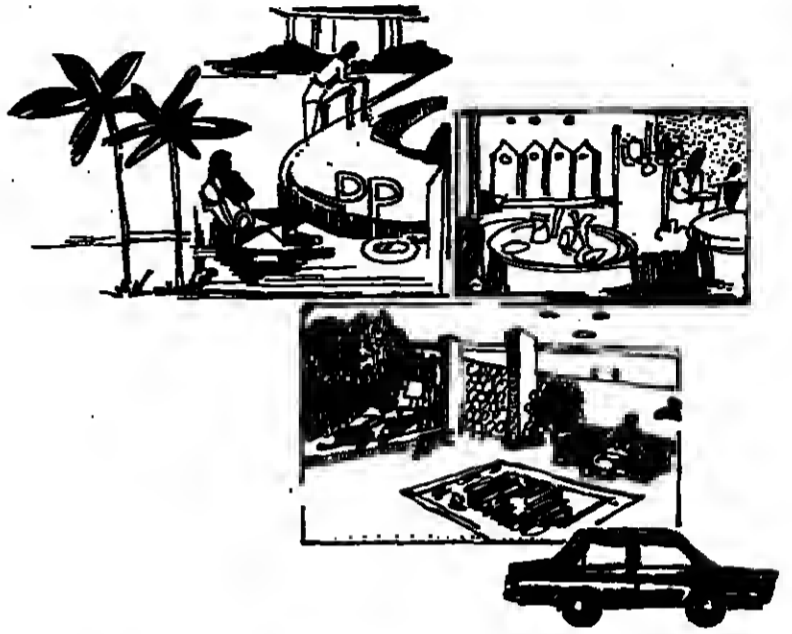
the edge. If the garlic taste is too strong use less. If the mixture is too liquid use more bread.

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Breast-feeding is best, says WHO

By Peter Hahn

GENEVA, (R) — A bitter international controversy over breast-feeding versus bottle-feeding for infants is approaching a climax. In years of heated debate, Third World groups, campaigning against multinational "baby-food" companies, have described the feeding bottle as a "baby killer" for the Third World countries.

Now the World Health Organization Executive Board here has adopted a draft code to ban consumer advertising of breast-milk substitutes. The WHO annual assembly will be asked to approve the code in May. The code groups have accused multinational companies of aggressive marketing of formula foods for babies in the developing countries.

The multinationals, who do \$2 billion business each year with baby foods, have been accused of violating their own agreed code of conduct. Officials working on the WHO code and themselves under fire as "secretive" and "N. bureaucrats."

Nestle, the Swiss multinational which controls about half of the \$900 billion baby food business in the developing countries, has been facing a consumer boycott organized by action groups in the United States since 1979. The groups say the boycott has now spread to even other countries.

The WHO's 30-member executive board took two days to devise the proposed code, despite over a year of previous consultations on the text and an agreement with industry dating back to October, and found that breast-feeding should be actively protected and encouraged as the only natural method of feeding babies.

The action groups, linked together through

the International Baby Food Action Network with 48 member groups in 35 countries, say feeding bottles are a menace in poor countries because clean water is scarce. Mothers use contaminated water and dilute the expensive powder substitutes for breast milk, leading to diarrhoea, malnutrition and death, they say — and call the feeding bottle the baby-killer. The action groups want a complete ban on consumer marketing and a code which bars even indirect promotion of the commercial substitutes for mothers' milk. The industry says some mothers cannot breast-feed their babies for medical reasons and others choose not to do so. The companies say they should not be blamed if mothers ignore the instructions to boil water and use the correct dosage.

The proposed code as it stands would ban all consumer advertising of breast-milk substitutes, feeding bottles and teats. The code would also outlaw free samples and use of company-paid "mothercraft nurses", and banish baby pictures from the powdered milk containers and labels. Manufacturers would also be required to make clear on their products that breast-feeding was superior.

Officially, the World Health Organization could still make the code obligatory. But this is unlikely. Dr. Halfdan Mahler, director-general of WHO, told the board that the code's moral force would depend on unanimous support, which it could only obtain as a recommendation.

The United States representative John Bryant told the board: "We consider an absolute ban on advertising to be unnecessary broad."

Officials said governments would be free to refuse even an obligatory WHO code, and this would give firms from their countries an advantage over others.

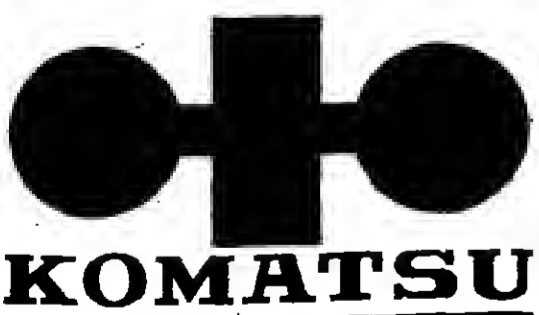
Both the U.S. and Switzerland said their federal governments would have limited powers to enforce any code nationally.

The U.S. executive director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), said in a message to the board: "It is now clear that the health, well-being and in some cases even the survival of millions of infants in the world will be favorably affected by the protection and extension of breast-feeding. 'I believe that the adoption of the recommended code of marketing would be a very significant step.'"

But even as a recommendation, the code seems unlikely to cool the white-hot controversy between the industry and its action group critics.

The International Council of Infant Food Industries (ICIFI), whose 14 European, Japanese and American member companies control more than 85 per cent of infant formula sales in the developing nations, has said a restrictive code could be unworkable and operate against child health curbing objective information. The ICIFI, which has its own monitoring system, has said allegations of marketing abuses have often boiled down to differences of interpretation.

"It should be clearly stated that the aim of the code is to control the marketing of breast-milk substitutes," the action groups argue. They object that the code gives manufacturers of mothers' milk substitutes "an important and constructive role to play in relation to infant feeding." ICIFI president Ernest Saunders said: "WHO board members themselves pointed out that the proposals include a number of unworkable and unrealistic demands, and stressed the need for flexibility in application to local requirements. This has always been the position which ICIFI has urged."



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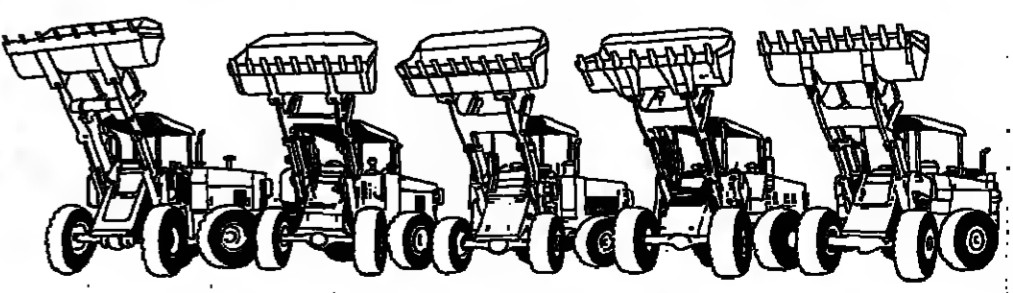


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Morocco, Spain fail to solve fishing rift

RABAT, Feb. 9 (R) — The dispute between Spain and Morocco over fishing rights is only part of a larger problem of serious imbalances in economic relations between the two countries, the official Moroccan News Agency MAP has said.

Quoting the ministry of commerce and industry, the agency said Sunday the failure to negotiate a new bilateral fishing agreement before Jan. 31, when the existing accord expired, reflected deep differences over various aspects of economic cooperation, of which the question of fishing was only one element.

The agency said Morocco had a deficit in trade with Spain of nearly \$234 million, that Spain's contribution to Morocco's economic development was "absolutely insignificant," and that fees paid by Spain for fishing rights bore no relation to the profits made by Spanish fleets.

Spanish officials here say Spain paid Morocco 1.3 billion pesetas (\$16.9 million) last year in fishing dues. But Morocco is asking for an increase.

MAP said Morocco proposed a procedure to absorb the trade deficit. With regard to fishing, it said licence fees must be increased, part of the Spanish fishing fleet must be "Moroccanized," and that Spain should contribute to the development of the Moroccan fishing industry by participating in cold storage installations and ship repair yards.

Striking U.K. seamen threaten to halt North Sea shipping

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Ship-owners have appealed to 26,000 British seamen for a month to resume negotiations as the seamen threatened to extend the movement by halting traffic to the North Sea oil rigs.

The owners, the Council for British Shipping, calling for a resumption of talks, appealed to the National Union of Seamen



CARS BLOCKED: Numerous Japanese cars are blocked in the French port of Le Havre, pending customs approval. Several thousand Japanese models are also blocked in other port. The hold-up is said to be over certification that the cars meet French standards.

Soviet five-year plan Fall in investment puzzles U.S. analysts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP) — U.S. economists say they are surprised by the post-war record low level of capital investment called for in the Soviet Union's five-year plan, to be officially adopted at a Communist Party congress later this month in Moscow. The guidelines for the plan specify an average growth rate of investment of 2.6 per cent annually over the next five years,

down from 3.6 per cent during the previous five-year plan and less than half the growth rate of 6.4 per cent achieved by the Soviet economy in 1971-75.

Herbert Levine, an economics professor from the University of Pennsylvania, called the continuing substantial slump in capital investment growth "the biggest surprise in the draft guidelines."

Speaking at a weekend symposium sponsored by the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, Levine said the investment drop-off reflects a Soviet strategy focussed on modernizing older factories with improved equipment rather than building completely new plants.

"This policy intended to foster the introduction of new technology to reverse the decline in productivity growth" which has been afflicting the Soviet economy since the 1960s, Levine said.

But he noted that in the next few years the continuous investment downturn could put squeeze on many sectors of the centrally

planned economy, because of Moscow's high-priority need to channel heavy capital investments into construction of new oil and gas facilities.

Daniel Bood, an economist from Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates Inc., described the 1981-85 plan's investment as remarkably low.

However, he said his firm's computer model of the Soviet economy indicates a significant upturn growth of gross national product over the next five years, largely due to "a rebound of substantial magnitude in agriculture."

Soviet farmers were hard-hit by bad weather conditions during the last two years, with the 1980 grain harvest totaling just 189 million metric tons — about 45 million tons less than the plan target. The previous year's crop was even lower, 179 million tons.

Bond forecast an average growth rate of 4.5 per cent a year in Soviet agriculture GNP during the plan period, about one per cent in the past five-year period.

U.K.-Japan link-up

EEC move to curb car entry

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AFP) — European Community auto industry bosses have reacted to Britain's decision allowing the Japanese Nissan firm to build a plant in Wales by proposing that the cars built in the community must have an 80 per cent European parts content, *The Sunday Times* has reported here.

The report said Sunday that the proposals, circulating among the heads of the French Renault and Peugeot firms, the German Volkswagen company and the British BL firm, were intended to make it difficult for Japanese manufacturers to gain access to all ten members of the community by setting a plant in one of them.

France and Italy restrict Japanese imports. However, under current rules Nissan would be able to pump UK assembled cars into Europe without restriction, the report said. Under the proposals these cars would qualify for "free sale" if 80 per cent of their content was manufactured in the community.

The report said that British Leyland, although officially welcoming the Nissan investment to build Datsun cars, had distanced itself from the British government, saying that Ford of Europe had expressed fears about the decision.

The government's announcement said that Nissan intended to include a 60 per cent European-manufactured content when production started in 1984, raising this to 80 per cent when full production is reached in 1986. But the *Sunday Times* said British industry feared this might never happen.

Meanwhile in Brussels, the French Renault auto firm has approved an investment of 1,000 million Belgian francs (\$59 million) to modernize its plant at Villoreux.

Renault had threatened not to approve the investment and had even said it might close its Belgian plants if Belgium did not take tougher action against imports of Japanese cars which have taken nearly 30 per cent of the market.

However Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg have taken measures to help

limit imports. These include a reduction in the duration of permits allowing importers to bring in vehicles.

But these three countries have said they will not take tougher measures unless joint moves are approved by European Community foreign ministers who are due to review the issue later this month.

Fluctuations ruled out in silver prices

LONDON, Feb. 9 (R) — The boom and collapse in silver prices which disrupted metal markets in 1980 is unlikely to occur again, an economic research group said Monday.

A rapid growth in private holdings of silver following last year's roller-coaster price movements has brought greater stability to the market, the Commodities Research Unit (CRU) said in a report.

This meant that a new surge in prices in the medium term was unlikely, CRU added.

Huge speculation in silver early last year by Texan tycoon Nelson Bunker Hunt and other members of his family helped the price rocket to more than \$50. But it then collapsed to around \$11, disrupting markets and causing enormous losses to the Bunker Hunt family.

The price boom led to a considerable increase in recovering silver from scrap and reinforced trends toward higher mine production and reduced industrial use of the metal, CRU said. More silver thus became available, and private holdings increased by more than 80 per cent during 1980.

These stocks exceeded one year's consumption of silver for industrial purposes, jewellery and coinage, CRU said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.65	8.85
Belgian Franc (1,000)	98.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.79	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	157.00	158.00	156.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	—	4.40	4.45
Egyptian Pound	—	91.00	90.85
French Franc (100)	68.00	68.00	68.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	72.25	73.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.05
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	33.00	35.50	33.30
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.40	—	16.55
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.50	10.44
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.22	12.21
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	86.50	86.20
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	75.00	75.15
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	33.70
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.82	8.00	7.82
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.90	91.70
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.61
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	41.10	41.10
Swiss Franc (100)	73.00	77.00	72.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	82.00	85.25
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	36.00	—
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BRIEFS

BERN, (AFP) — The Swiss munched their way through a record of ten tonnes of chocolate each in 1980, according to figures made public by the Swiss chocolate firms.

NUREMBERG, (AFP) — Unemployment rose 17 per cent in January in West Germany, reaching 1.3 million persons by the end of the month, the Federal employment office has said. The unemployment rate climbed to 5 1/2 per cent of the active population, compared to 4.8 per cent one month ago. The figures from the employment office, however, are not seasonally adjusted and reflect winter's effect on the construction industry.

OTTAWA, (R) — The Canadian government and the provincial government of Ontario have agreed to guarantee the capital risk of a new equity investment in the financially-troubled Massey-Ferguson farm equipment company.

VIENNA, (AFP) — Austria had a trade balance deficit of some \$6,200 million last year, the Central Statistical Office has reported. This is 41 per cent up on the deficit in war and was due largely to the cost of energy imports. In 1980, 62 per cent of Austria's imports came from the European Community and 54 per cent of its exports went to the community.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

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" " "	Construction of a governorate building in Al-Minqaq	—	2000	March 1
" " "	Construction of a governorate building in Al-Mikhwal	—	1000	March 1
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Celtics rout Clippers

76ers halt Lakers' winning sequence

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP) — The last time the Los Angeles Lakers were in Philadelphia it was a magic night 42 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists by Ervin's "magic" Johnson as the Lakers nailed down the 1980 National Basketball Association Championship in the sixth game of the series.

Easy wins recorded in B & H cricket

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — Easy victories were recorded in the Binzagr Benson & Hedges Cricket League during the weekend, with Pak Saudi scoring the narrowest of them.

Pak Saudi, winning the toss, elected to bat, but were pinned down initially with some accurate bowling by Harris and Jacobs. But once the attack flourished, the Pak Saudi batsmen took full advantage to total 137 for 5. Pervaz (33) and Shahbaz (38) being their main scorers.

In reply, 1395 could muster just 97 runs following some fine bowling by Zaheer (3 for 15) and Asim (3 for 18). Penn being their top scorer with a well made 40.

Indian Embassy got the better of IAL by 81 runs. With Shaikat scoring a solid 44, Indian Embassy scored 126 for 9 in their 22 overs and then bundled out IAL for 45 in just 17 overs, Ali doing all the damage, bagging four wickets for four runs.

In yet another match, Yellow Rose scored a fluent 139 runs victory over KAA University. Openers Khalid (33) and Amjad (28) gave Yellow Rose a splendid start which was followed by an unbeaten 57 by Samim and Muzaffar (29) to enable Yellow Rose total 190 for three. They then dismissed the University lads for a poor 56, with Mo'in claiming 4 for 21.

Zapata keeps title

PANAMA CITY, Feb. 9 (AP) — Hilario Zapata of Panama kept his World Boxing Association junior flyweight title with a 14th round technical knock-out over his number two challenger Joey Ollivo of the United States Sunday. Zapata looked assured of winning from as early as the third round when Ollivo came under his constant attacks.

28 points. "He helps us in every phase of the game. It's great having him back with the team. Johnson began working out last month. I just wish he was back in the lineup."

The 76ers made the most of their depth as seven players scored in double figures and Philadelphia's reserves outscored the Los Angeles substitutes 30-11.

Elsewhere, the Boston Celtics trounced the San Diego Clippers 123-107, the Milwaukee Bucks whipped the Chicago Bulls 128-109, the San Antonio Spurs shaded the Dallas Mavericks 102-98, the New York Knicks trounced the New Jersey Nets 116-102, the Indiana Pacers beat the Detroit Pistons 124-101, the Golden State Warriors downed the Utah Jazz 107-101, the Seattle SuperSonics crushed the Denver Nuggets 133-112, the Phoenix Suns outlasted the Washington Bullets 113-107 in overtime and the Portland Trail Blazers edged the Kansas City Kings 129-123 in overtime.

Bucks 128, Bulls 109; Junior Bridgeman poured in 27 points, 19 in the first half, and Quinn Buckner added a season-high 26 to pace Milwaukee over Chicago. Bridgeman sank his first six shots as the Bucks opened a 31-21 lead. They led 65-59 at the half and two free throws by Lanier capped a run of eight straight points for an 82-68 spread.

Spurs 102, Mavericks 98; James Silas and George Lervin scored 27 points apiece to help sluggish San Antonio salvage a victory over Mavericks. Mavericks took a 25-21 first-quarter lead and the Spurs had to battle from behind twice to extend their home winning streak to 15 games.

Nor rallies to claim crown

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — Hussain Abu el-Nor (BTC) won the men's knockout title in the Jeddah Open Squash tournament, sponsored by Air France, with a well-earned 7-9, 7-9, 10-9, 9-2, 9-3 victory over Alan James (Hochstief) at the packed Arabian Homes court Friday.

Hussain, who only arrived in Jeddah some two months ago and is a former member of the Heliopolis Club in Cairo, has represented Egypt in squash tournaments, but he came up against some stiff resistance against Alan James, who held the No. 1 position in Jeddah for two years. Alan played some really fine squash taking the first two games 9-7, 9-7.

In the third game, James almost clinched the match having two match points after some tremendously long rallies but the final point eluded him and he lost the third game 10-9. Hussain then capitalized quickly tak-

To down Venezuela

Brazil nets late winner

CARACAS, Feb. 9 (R) — Brazil struggled to a 1-0 win over Venezuela in the opening match in the South American qualifying Group One World Soccer Cup Sunday, a game marred by the sending off two players from each side.

A scoreless draw looked likely when a Venezuela defender handled in the penalty box with only six minutes to go and Brazil's star midfielder Zico shot the winner from the spot.

A minute later, Uruguayan referee Ramon Barreto sent off Brazil's Paulo Isidoro and Venezuela's Ramon Etxenauri for fighting. Earlier, Ze Sergio of Brazil and

Marin of Venezuela had been dismissed from the field for a similar offence. Venezuela, who have won only four of their last 36 internationals, surprised the visitors and the 30,000 spectators at the Olympic Stadium here with a tight defensive game and lightning counter-attacks.

As the game progressed the greater experience of the Brazilians began to tell and the Venezuelan goal mouth was under constant pressure in the second half. But the only real chance Brazil created was the move from which the penalty came, when the Venezuelan defender handled a shot from Isidoro.

Lietzke strikes it rich

SAN DIEGO, California, Feb. 9 (AP) — Bruce Lietzke converted a 5-foot birdie putt with his cross-handed style and won a sudden-death playoff on the second extra hole Sunday for the \$45,000 first prize in the Wickes-Andy Williams San Diego Open Golf tournament.

Lietzke had to outlast Ray Floyd and Tom Jenkins to become the first two-time winner of the young season on the PGA tour. He won the Bob Hope Desert Classic with a record score last month.

Lietzke, Floyd and Jenkins all birdied the 72nd hole of regulation play to finish with scores of 278, 10 shots under par on the 7,002-yard south course at the Torrey Pines Golf Club.

Lietzke, five shots back with eight holes to play, came out of the pack with a final-round 68. Floyd, who counts the Masters and PGA National Championship among his 12 career victories, just missed an eagle putt that would have won it on the final hole of regulation. He

tapped in for a birdie and a closing 71. The long-shot Jenkins, whose only previous victory came six years ago in Philadelphia, had a closing 70.

In North Miami Beach, Florida Judy Rankin hit into the water on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff Sunday to give South African Sally Little a one-stroke victory in the \$125,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association's Elizabeth Arden Classic.

Little shot a 4-under-par 68 over the final 18 holes to jump from eighth and tie Rankin and Joanne Carner, who both shot par 72, at 5-under-par 283 after the regulation 72 holes.

Gavaskar, Chauhan in big partnership

MELBOURNE, Feb. 9 (AFP) — India began their second innings with an unbeaten partnership of 108 by openers Sunil Gavaskar and Chetan Chauhan on the third day of the third Test against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket ground Monday.

Gavaskar was 59 not out and Chauhan 41 not out. At close of play, India still trailed by 74 runs after Australia had scored 419 in the first innings. India scored 237 on Saturday.

Brief scores: India 237 and 108 for no loss (Gavaskar batting 59, Chauhan batting 41) vs Australia 419 (G. Chappell 76, A. Border 124, D. Walters 78, R. Marsh 45; Doshi 3 for 109, Gavri 2 for 110, Yadav 2 for 102, Patil 2 for 28).

Gooch hits breezy ton

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb. 9 (AP) — Paced by a breezy 117 from Graham Gooch and his opening partnership of 173 with Geoff Boycott (70), England were 274 for five wickets at the end of the second day of their four day cricket match against Trinidad and Tobago Sunday.

Gooch, playing his first first-class innings of the tour, hit three sixes and eight fours, dominating an attack which depended almost purely on spin.

Noah, Leslie Allen tops

Gerulaitis wrests title

TORONTO, Canada, Feb. 9 (AP) — Vitas Gerulaitis upset John McEnroe in the final of the \$500,000 Molson Tennis Challenge Sunday, but most of the postgame talk centered on questionable officiating of the game.

Gerulaitis, 26, took the measure of McEnroe 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 en route to his biggest-ever paycheck, \$175,000 in a game that the No. 2-ranked McEnroe disputed with umpire Carl Allison on several occasions.

McEnroe's child-like tantrums drew jeers from some 15,000 fans, but Gerulaitis agreed that Allison and referee Len Allard both lost whatever authority they had by not being more severe.

Gerulaitis picked up an additional \$15,000 for serving the most aces in the tournament, the eighth he served to McEnroe in the final giving him 30 for the round-robin tournament.

A playoff for third-place money, between American Jimmy Connors and top-ranked Bjorn Borg of Sweden failed to materialize when Borg advised organizers he had a virus. Connors, who warned up prior to the final, got third-place money of \$80,000 and Borg \$50,000 for finishing fourth.

Meanwhile, eight-seeded Yannick Noah of France completed his sweep through higher ranked opponents and won the \$200,000 United Virginia Bank Tennis Classic Championship Sunday when second-seeded Ivan Lendl was forced to default in the second set.

Lendl, the 20-year-old Czech who became favored after Noah sidelined top-seeded Gene Mayer in the quarterfinals, told umpire Frank Hammond he couldn't continue because of a pulled leg muscle while trailing 3-1 in the second set after Noah won the first 6-1.

The match lasted only 33 minutes with Noah, the 20-year-old discovery and protege of Arthur Ashe, picking up the \$35,000 first prize money. Lendl earned \$17,500.

In Detroit, Michigan, Leslie Allen became the first black woman to capture a major

tennis tournament since Althea Gibson's 1958 U.S. Open and Wimbledon victories, as she upset top-seeded Hana Mandlikova 6-4, 6-4 in the \$125,000 Avon Championship. The victory was worth \$24,000 to the 23-year-old. Mandlikova received \$12,000.

Caulkins finishes in blaze of glory

PARIS, Feb. 9 (R) — American star Tracy Caulkins won four events to inspire the United States to a total of 12 victories in the 26-nation Short-Course Swimming meeting which ended Sunday.

The Soviet Union scored eight victories and East Germany six at the three-day competition. But all three countries were without many top swimmers.

Caulkins finished first in the 100 and 200 meters breaststroke, 200 and 400 meters individual medley, twice defeating East German Olympic gold medalist Petra Schneider.

In the 100 meters breaststroke she was challenged until the final few meters by England's Susannah Brownsdon. Caulkins won in 1:09.90 from East Germany's Ute Gewiniger, who clocked 1:10.56 to edge the British girl out of second place.

Biggest upset of the weekend was the defeat of East German Olympic champion Joerg woithe by American Greg Kraus in the men's 100 meters freestyle.

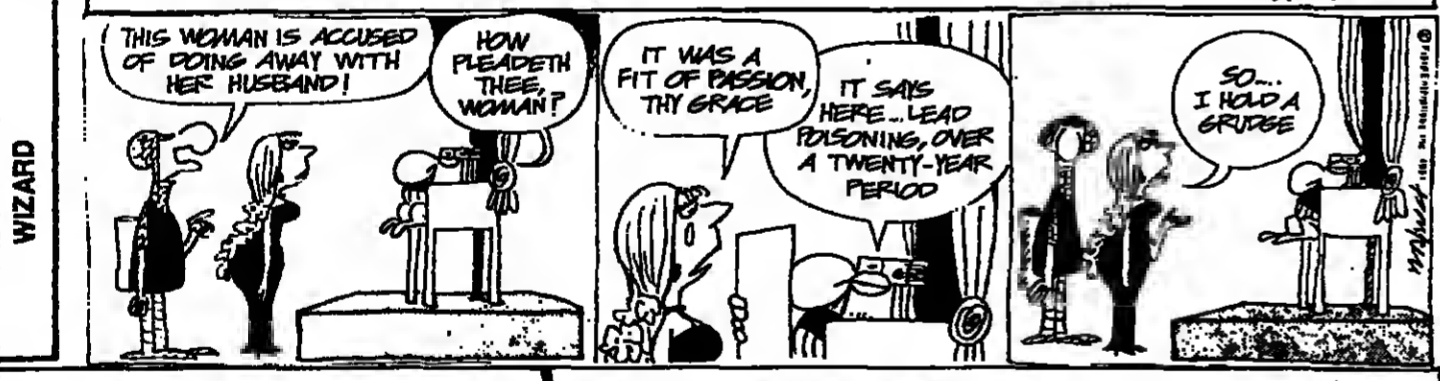
Kraus, who was only fifth in last year's U.S. Nationals, kept with Woithe until halfway and then edged ahead to win in 49.87 seconds, 0.19 seconds ahead of his rival.

East Germany's Caren Metschuk dominated the women's freestyle sprints, winning the 100 meters Sunday in 55.73 seconds. She was challenged by England's June Croft, who set a British record of 56.69 seconds in second place, 0.96 seconds behind her rival.

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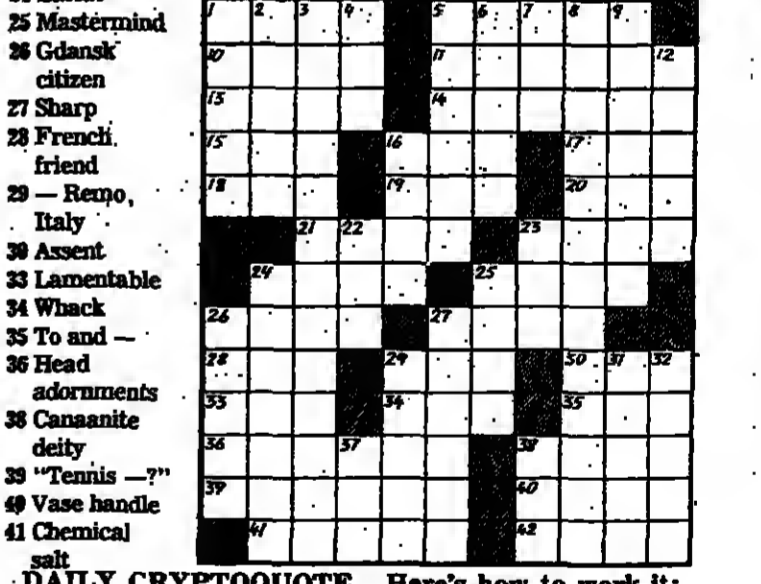
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Your Individual Horoscope Frances Drake FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Short trips with loved ones should be pleasurable. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A good time to pick up needed household items. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An old-fashioned family get-together could be fun. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Peace and quiet may help more than activity. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Attend to social obligations. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Long-term goals are favored over idle pursuits.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 Belgian river. 5 Mountain crest. 10 Liqueur. 11 Parting words. 12 Recording medium. 14 Fig variety. 15 Cleo's killer. 18 Little lady. 17 Swiss canton. 18 King (Sp.). 19 Formic acid source. 20 Willard or Ben, e.g. 21 Be suspended. 23 Distaff. 28 Across. 24 Lariat. 25 Mastermind. 26 Gdansk citizen. 27 Sharp friend. 29 - Reno, Italy. 30 Assent. 33 Lamentable. 34 Whack. 35 To and -. 36 Head adornments. 38 Cansanite deity. 39 "Tennis - ?". 40 Vase handle. 41 Chemical salt.



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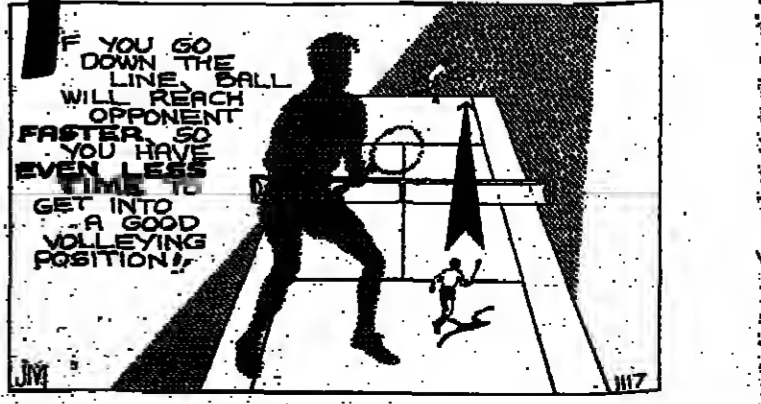
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General strike begins in Poland Labor wants minister dismissed

WARSAW, Feb. 9 (AP) — A general strike began Monday in the southwest Polish city of Jelenia Gora after negotiations broke down over workers' demands for access to a local resort and clinic reserved for officials of the Communist Party and the government.

"The talks were interrupted by the government commission," a spokesman for Solidarity, Poland's 11-million-member independent labor federation, said. He said the government representatives reaffirmed official opposition to the union's demand that the resort and the clinic be turned over to the local health service. The Jewish Gora workers also want the dismissal of Trade Union Minister Stanislaw Ciosek, who was the local party secretary between 1975 and 1980, and other local officials.

Lech Walesa, Solidarity's national leader, arrived in Jelenia Gora Sunday and yet with about 200 delegates from regional Solidarity chapter and some members of the union's national commission. They discussed strike action in nearby cities, a spokesman said, but he emphasized that the call for a strike Monday was limited to the Jelenia Gora area.

According to a government spokesman, talks between government and Solidarity negotiations from Jelenia Gora began here at noon. The spokesman said Vice Premier Stanislaw Michal and Jerzy Ozdowski participated in the talks.

Meanwhile, workers staged a 20-minute demonstration outside the occupied headquarters of the defunct government trade union in Rzeszow, a Solidarity spokesman said. The rally was in support of workers who have occupied the building since the beginning of the year with farmers seeking an independent trade union.

Leaders of the nation's private peasant farmers were marking time, waiting for a sup-



LABOR CRISIS: Poland's Agriculture Minister Andrzej Kacala (right) at strike-hit Rzeszow after the failure of negotiations with representatives of farmers and the Solidarity trade union.

reme court hearing Tuesday on their application for an independent, agricultural version of Solidarity. If the court refuses, widespread strikes are expected.

Meanwhile, the government took aim at Poland's leading dissident organization, the committee for Social Self defense, or KOR, whose leaders have been among the chief advisers to the independent labor movement since its birth during the nationwide strike wave last summer.

PAP, the official news agency, published a communique from law enforcement officials which said an investigation of KOR was underway and findings so far indicated it was

"pursuing anti-state activity" designed to undermine the Communist political and social system in Poland as well as its relations with its Communist allies.

NBC television network news reported from Washington that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and other senior State Department officials now believe it is only a matter of time before the Soviet Union intervenes militarily in Poland. It said the U.S. officials believe the Soviets would prefer not to stop in but consider they must because they believe the independent labor movement has grown beyond Polish Communist Party control.

EEC talks on fisheries policy begin

BRUSSELS, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Fisheries ministers of the 10-nation European Economic Community (EEC) Monday began what are likely to be "marathon" talks on setting up a common fisheries policy (CFP), a project first mooted years ago.

In theory the CFP covering a common 320-km zone should have been introduced by Jan. 1 as part of the settlement last May 30 over the British budget contribution.

But West Germany and France have now threatened to suspend all repayments to Britain unless a CFP is decided quickly.

A West German source here said Monday that the big stumbling blocks were: Access to the British shoreline for French and other continental fishermen, and the signature of an EEC-Canada agreement.

On the second point, West Germany wants the deal with Canada to be signed quickly, so that its fishermen can catch cod in Canadian waters. However, Denmark is still holding out for additional benefits on behalf of Greenland's boats.

5 die in Brooklyn fire

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Two women and three children died Sunday night when a fire set by an arsonist swept through an apartment building in New York's Borough of Brooklyn.

A fire department spokesman said Monday that the arsonist had sprinkled an inflammable liquid throughout the ground floor of the three-story building. The bodies of the two women and the three children, ranging in age from six to 11 years, were found in the ruins of the structure.

Greek centenarian dies

ATHENS, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Chain-smoking centenarian Michel Sagarakis died Monday at his home village in Crete, aged 118. Sagarakis had attributed his longevity to good food, wine, lots of garlic and cigarettes.

Thailand raps Vietnam, sends protest to Laos

By Edward Thangarajah
Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Feb. 9 — Thailand Monday lashed out at a "third hand" inferring Vietnam, and handed a strongly worded protest note to the Laos envoy here over last weekend's attacks on the Thai border which led to an armed confrontation. A Thai Armed forces spokesman, Lt. Gen Som Katthaphand, said without another country's involvement Laos would never have launched the attack.

Dollar mixed, gold prices rise

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP) — The dollar was mixed on world foreign exchanges Monday, opening sharply lower against some European currencies but later recovering. Gold prices rose. London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning price of \$515 a troy ounce, up from \$501 late Friday.

In Zurich, the metal traded at a median \$516.50 up from \$501.50. Earlier in Hong Kong — where the gold market had been shut since last Monday for Chinese new year celebrations — gold closed at \$515.39, compared with \$503.33 a week earlier.

Dealers cited firm support for gold in New York Friday above the psychologically important \$500 mark closing at \$503. Renewed speculative buying also reported. Silver was quoted in London at \$13.95 an ounce, up from \$13.28 Friday.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 204.20 yen from 204.40 Friday. In later European trading, the dollar was quoted at 203.53 yen. Dealers said the market remained fundamentally bullish on the dollar, but there was some feeling that with U.S. interest rates easing, the dollar had been overbought in recent weeks, particularly against the West German mark. Some profit-taking was reported.



ROYAL WELCOME: King Baudouin of Belgium and Queen Fabiola are welcomed by Spanish King Juan Carlos (right) when the royal couple flew into Madrid Sunday to offer their sympathy to the Greek royal family for the death of exiled Queen Frederika.

Aquino wants poll called off

Ten killed by armed men in southern Philippines

MANILA, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Ten persons were killed by armed men and about 18 others were wounded in several southern Philippine areas Sunday, published reports said Monday.

In Davao province, 832 kms southeast of Manila, four persons were killed and 15 others were wounded when six heavily-armed men attacked the office of the La Panday Development Corporation in Mandug district. The men, wearing military fatigues, reportedly stole \$20,000.

In Zamboanga city, eight unidentified

armed men in fatigues sprayed a store with bullets killing an army soldier and a civilian companion and wounding two others. Four fishermen were killed and one was wounded when gunmen riding in a pumpboat shot at them while fishing off the Zamboanga city coast.

In an unrelated development, Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino Monday urged President Ferdinand Marcos to call off the presidential elections, speed up liberalization and engage the opposition in a dialogue to save this country from bomb-

throwing "radical elements."

In an overseas interview with AFP from his Boston residence, Aquino readily agreed that President Marcos had to go slow in "dismantling all the restrictions of martial law" since this would invite anarchy. But while reiterating that the Jan. 17 lifting of martial law was "a step in the right direction," the 48-year-old opposition leader several times during the interview asked Marcos to move fast, "otherwise we will all be overtaken by events."

In Aquino's view, a Marcos state visit to Washington "is on the cards," particularly after the visit of South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan, but he cautioned the president against expecting President Ronald Reagan to bail the Philippines out of its economic difficulties.

Aquino emphasized he was still very much in politics since his political crusade would only end when martial law was dismantled, "not lifted," and "all of our freedoms are restored and also the country's freedoms."

Aquino revealed that he was about to return to the Philippines recently but the supreme court threw out his habeas corpus petition because he was "running away." He denied this and said he accepted the counsel of deputy Defense Minister Carmelo Barbero that he stay out.

He also faces a death sentence on charges of murder, subversion and illegal possession of firearms.

Border attack

for many years. Therefore, this attack was unwarranted and there is no reason for it to have taken place. We know who the mischief-makers are. They have already disturbed the peace and caused chaos in another Indochina country," he said, referring to the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea.

A Laotian shell attack on the Thai border Friday resulted in the razing of a farm, causing injuries to ten peasants, and evacuation of over 2,000 to nearby schools and temples. Thai troops retaliated and a two-day armed confrontation took place. Sunday night the Thai authorities took strong action closing the border stalling all movement of essential commodities and aid supplies transited through the country into Laos.

Last June, too, land-locked Laos was forced to face a similar situation over an attack on a Thai patrol boat which killed a naval officer. The closing of the border then led to severe scarcity of essential commodities in Laos and seat prices of all goods skyrocketing. Several hundreds of Laotians also fled their homeland and crossed the Mekong river into Thailand in search of food. The same situation is anticipated again.

Meanwhile, an uneasy calm prevailed Monday along the border. A Thai armed forces spokesman said that Vietnamese troops have been deployed on the Laotian side and there is also tank movement.

Shooting started intermittently early this month and escalated over the weekend. Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulathorn announced that there is no worry over the conflict and the country's army is prepared to cope with any situation. He admitted that the shooting with Laos was "a little more serious" than previous incidents and asked the authorities to step up their vigilance.

Meanwhile, a two-man team from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has arrived in Phnom Penh to assess the results of the vital main rice crop, relief sources said here Monday. The team is to spend about two weeks in Kampuchea and travel widely in the provinces, before reporting back to FAO headquarters in Rome.

The team said after an initial inspection tour last November that Kampuchea would need at least 75,000 tons of imported rice in 1981, though this is down sharply from the 250,000 tons last year. Their current mission is to obtain final figures for Western donor countries, who have so far pledged less than half of the \$236 million that the major U.N. agencies involved in the relief effort had requested for 1981.

To capture Abadan

Iraqi bid repulsed, Iran says

BEIRUT, Feb. 9 (AP) — Iran claimed Monday it repulsed an Iraqi attempt to overrun its besieged oil refining city of Abadan from the sea as the war on the northern flank of the Gulf entered its 21st week.

Iraq claimed its forces "crushed" an Iranian attempt to break an Iraqi siege of the key Iranian highway town of Susangerd, killing 66 enemy troops in overnight combat at the western border of Iran's war-conquered oil province of Khuzistan.

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi strongly pleaded in New Delhi Monday for an end to the war.

But there was no hope for an early ceasefire. Iran rejected any peace-making effort before Iraq withdraws its forces from Iranian war-conquered territory.

Iraq is willing to pull out its invading forces only if Iran recognized full Iraqi sovereignty over the Shatt Al-Arab border waterway that provides Iraq's only sea outlet to the Gulf.

Abadan, which houses the largest Middle East oil refinery, is midway on Iran's eastern bank of the Shatt. Pars claimed sea-borne Iraqi force attempted to penetrate Abadan overnight from its western coast. The agency claimed the Iraqis lost 11 men and several boats in the first attempt in the war to capture Abadan from the sea. It conceded two Iranian deaths.

Pars said 70 Iraqis were either killed or wounded and 15 tanks destroyed in fighting elsewhere in Khuzistan, Iran's western highlands and the northwestern Kurdish province of Kurdistan and Azerbaijan in 24 hours.

Iran claimed Iraq was backing a drive by Kurdish insurgents to proclaim a breakaway

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

I read recently that a young New Yorker had formed an organization whose aim is to defend the users of the city's subways against criminal attacks. These apparently have reached such proportions, and the police have been so overstretched, that many citizens can find no solution but in taking matters into their own hands.

I read also that the city's people are in two minds about this, and that a fierce debate is going on. In my case, what I have seen of New York leaves me in no doubt about the matter: Something has to be done, and if the formation of such groups is not the ideal answer, it is at least some answer.

I personally had an experience in New York — an experience modest in itself but telling — which makes me think — that things have become bad enough to warrant more participation from the citizens.

I found myself there one day, on my way to Boston. I thought I take the bus, as that would enable me to see more of the countryside. I went to the bus station and stood in the queue for a ticket, a small bag on the ground next to me.

Suddenly two young men appeared, and, without a word and without hurry, calmly lifted my bag and started walking with it. I was astounded. The place was full of people but the thieves behaved as though what they were doing was the most natural thing in the world.

I ran after them, put my hand on the bag and started pulling, protesting mildly that "there is surely some mistake here... this is mine..." They pulled, and I soon found myself outside the building. I said that they can surely see the bag was mine as it had a tag with my name on it. "Is that so," said one of the men, and took out a long knife and calmly cut the tag off. "There you are," he said, "It's not yours any more."

The sight of the evil blade concentrated my mind wonderfully. I wasn't going to yield. At the same time, I wasn't going to be a hero. "This," I declared, still holding firmly to my property, "calls for negotiations. Part of the loaf," I explained, "and all that..." They stopped. "How much?" one of them said. "Five bucks!" I said. "Ten!" snapped my opponent. "Done!" I said.

The deal was concluded. There were people around us, all acting as if nothing was happening. There were even officials of the bus company. No one cared. All in a day's work...

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